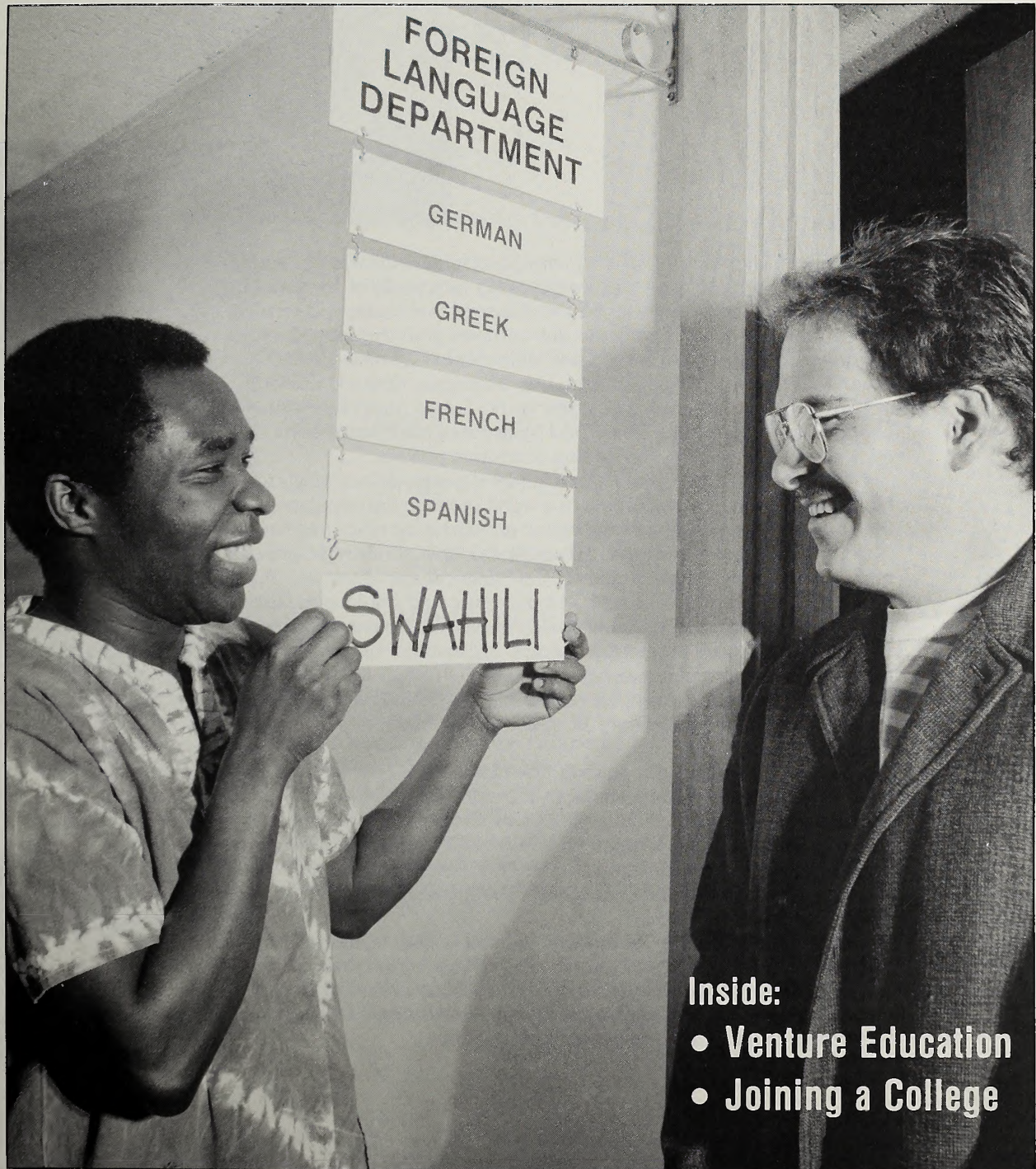


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## From the Director of International Programs

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*It's a Small World After All*, the theme song for an exhibit at Disneyland, illustrates for children—and others—that we are living in a world of interesting and diverse people. We are increasingly faced with the need to educate and sensitize our future citizens to live, work and compete in a complex and interdependent world.

Foreign investments in the U.S. are estimated at \$1.5 trillion, and U.S. investments abroad are approaching \$2 trillion. Our economic future is obviously tied to the world economy. However, the dollar is no longer the international standard of economic measurement. The World Bank bases statistical reports on a "basket of currencies" representing the leading economic powers.

Our future as a nation and a world leader depends on our ability to adjust to new global realities. In fact, students face a world in which the population may double in the next 40 years, with 90 percent of that growth taking place in developing nations.

Unfortunately, test after test demonstrates how shockingly ignorant we are of other areas of the world. In a study of California college freshmen, 33 percent could not find El Salvador on the map, 47 percent could not locate Japan, 55 percent could not find Iran and 54 percent could not even find Atlanta, Ga. Forty-nine percent of Americans believe that foreign trade is irrelevant or harmful to the U.S., and 63 percent cannot name the two nations involved in SALT talks.

Newspapers in other countries carry a high percentage of articles about the U.S. In contrast, only a small amount of space in our daily newspapers is devoted to international news.

One of Wartburg's major goals for the next decade is to develop greater international outreach and prepare students to be citizens of the world. Wartburg is firmly committed to international education and seeks to expand the perspective of all students. The Venture Education Program sends six students each year to Tanzania. Exchange programs with Bonn University in Germany and International Christian University in Japan are well established. Foreign language students study in France, Germany, Mexico and Spain.

Increasingly evident is the number of international students who study at Wartburg. The current 71 students from 23 different countries are an ever-present reminder that we are a small world. Fifty-hour host families in the Waverly community also learn from this cultural exchange. International students are Wartburg's best resource for promoting world understanding.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kent Hawley".

Kent Hawley  
Director of International Programs

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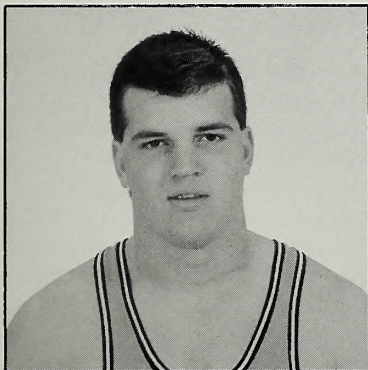
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**About the cover:** With tongue in cheek, President Robert Vogel likes to introduce Godwin Ruhasha (l) as head of Wartburg's "Swahili Department." Ruhasha, a junior from Tanzania, taught Swahili to Brad Duellman (r) and the other students who participated in Wartburg's Venture Education program.

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# Placement tops 98% for second straight year

For the second consecutive year, the placement report at Wartburg topped 98 percent, according to a survey completed by the college's Career Development Center.

Within six and a half months of graduation, 98.6 percent of last year's class had either secured employment, was doing post-graduate study or had made a definite choice not to seek employment. That is an increase of a tenth of a percentage point over last year and is the highest ever recorded since the center started keeping such records.

The figures are based on responses from 276 of last year's 279 graduates.

"The high placement of our students in graduate schools and jobs is a statement about the quality of the students themselves and also the quality of education at Wartburg," President Robert Vogel said.

David Baumgartner, director of the Career Development Center, said he felt that in addition to the high placement figure, two other significant findings were revealed by an additional questionnaire to which 53 percent of the graduates responded.

"The most important so far as I am concerned is that 91 percent said they were satisfied with their present position," he said. "The second is that 78 percent indicated their positions were directly related to their preparation at Wartburg and another 15 percent said their jobs were indirectly related. I think those are good signs."

Baumgartner said he was particularly encouraged by this report because the 1988 class was larger by 19 students than the 1987 class.

Also significant is the fact that increasing numbers of students are finding employment in Iowa, an indication of an improving economy, he said. Totally, 54 percent located in Iowa. This includes 65 percent of those who went into education, 10 percent more than last year. Some 63 percent of the students from Iowa were able to remain in their home state.

Baumgartner credited the college's career education program with its success in placing graduates.

"We do a good job of teaching students how to look for a job, how to write

letters and resumes and how to prepare for interviews, and I am most proud of our peer counselor system, which is distinctive in Iowa. It plays a major role in our program."

The peer counselor system involves eight students who are trained to assist other students in preparing for a job search, in many cases beginning in the freshman year.

A new resource that was established last year by Baumgartner is a Resume

Referral Program, in which he has enrolled approximately 45 companies. He said he felt it had an impact on this year's placement figures.

A total of 160 graduates found employment in business, industry or social service positions. Another 48 are in education, and 58 are continuing their education. Two graduates elected not to seek employment at this time, and four international students returned to their home countries.

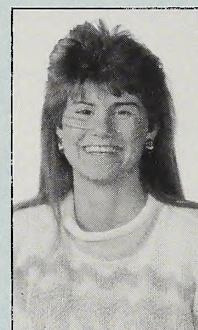
## Top scholarship winners chosen

Three Iowa high school students and one from Illinois won the top awards in Wartburg's two most prestigious scholarship programs.

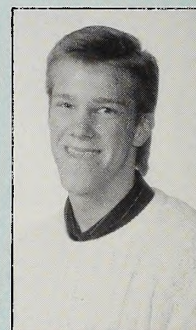
Eric Massen of Mason City, Iowa, and Janelle Zanger of Algonquin, Ill., were awarded Regents Scholarships worth \$6,000 per year, and Stacie Bromley of Peterson, Iowa, and Aaron Stecker of Gilbert, Iowa, won Presidential scholarships worth \$4,000 per year.

The top two Regents Scholarships are underwritten by Century Companies of America in Waverly.

The remaining 260 candidates in the Regents competition were awarded scholarships ranging in value from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per year, and the remaining 136 students in the Presidential competition were offered awards that range from \$1,000 up to \$4,000 per year.



Bromley

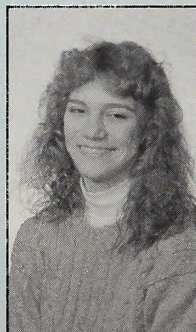


Stecker

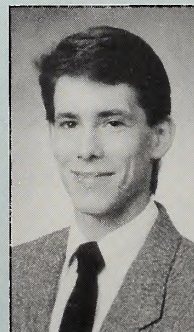
The Regents Scholarships are based strictly on academic ability, and 62 candidates came from the top 1 percent of their high school class. In order to be eligible for the competition, students must rank in at least the upper 10 percent of their high school class or have a minimum ACT (American College Testing Program) score of 28.

In the Presidential Scholarship program, more emphasis is placed on demonstrated leadership during the students' career in high school, in the community and in their church. These students must be in the top 20 percent of their high school class or have a minimum ACT of 24.

Candidates in both programs spent a day on campus interviewing and writing assignments.



Zanger



Massen



## Graven family endows ministry of laity program

A family that has played a significant role in the development of Wartburg has established an endowed annual program for the college on the Church in Vocation—the Ministry of the Laity in the Life of the World. The Graven family, formerly of Greene, Iowa, created the endowment in honor of the late Judge Henry H. Graven and his widow, Helen T. Davis Graven, now of Minneapolis.

The announcement came on the same day the first lecture in the program was given by William Diehl, a well-known Lutheran layman who is the former sales manager for Bethlehem Steel. He lectured on living the Christian life in the workplace as part of the college's observance of its annual Spiritual Emphasis Week.

Graven served the Northern District of Iowa as Federal District Judge from 1944-61 when



Pictured with President Vogel are (l-r) David, Helen, Lloyd and Sally (Mrs. David) Graven

he became a senior Federal Judge, accepting assignments in Texas, Florida, Louisiana and New York until his death in 1970.

In 1923, he pioneered a planned retirement and pension program for pastors and widows of the former Iowa Synod of the Lutheran Church. He eventually chaired the Board of Pensions of the then

new American Lutheran Church.

During the 1930's, Graven and his brother, James, who served on the college's Board of Regents, did much of the legal work for the college. Judge Graven received an honorary LL.D. degree from the college in 1962.

Helen Graven, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, also served on the Board of Regents and received a Wartburg Alumni Citation in 1957 for her service to the college and the community.

She taught school in India and later founded a preschool in Greene. She was a volunteer with the Society for the Blind in New York, reading college textbooks for taping, and has been active in a number of community and church organizations.

The Gravens have three sons, David, Stanley '55 and Lloyd '58. Stanley served on the Board of Regents.

## Board welcomes new members

O. Jay Tomson of Charles City, Iowa, and John M. Chezik '57 of Kansas City, Mo., have been named to the Wartburg Board of Regents.

Chezik will complete the unexpired term of W. Louis Beecher of Waterloo, which runs until 1992, and Tomson is an addition to the board. His term will expire in 1994.

Tomson is chair of the board and the chief executive officer of Citizens National Bank in Charles City, and Chezik is a Kansas City businessman.

Tomson also is chair of the board of the First National Bank of Clarion, Iowa, and the Kanabec State Bank of Mora, Minn.

He is president of the Independent Bankers Association of America, serving on its executive committee and as executive committee liaison with various other committees of the association, including bank operations and long term planning.

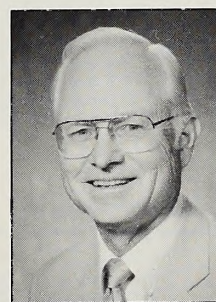
He is a past president of the Iowa Independent Bankers Association and the Iowa Transfer System and was a Class A Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago from 1980-86.

Prior to moving to Charles City in 1974, he was an assistant national bank examiner for the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency in Minneapolis, an examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, vice president for operations at the Bankers Trust Co. in Des Moines and executive vice president of the Marquette National Bank in Minneapolis.

Tomson is a 1958 alumnus of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., and has graduated from the Iowa Agricultural Credit School at Iowa State University and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University.

Chezik has been in the automobile business since graduating from Wartburg.

In 1966, he obtained his first franchise



Tomson



Chezik

from Buick Motor Division on the north side of Kansas City. He operated from that point until last year when he sold the franchise. He presently has seven operating dealerships throughout the Midwest.

He has served on a number of civic boards in Kansas City and belongs to most automotive organizations, serving as an officer and a director on a number of them.

He played professional baseball, reaching the Triple A level, in the '50s. He continues to support professional athletics in Kansas City and St. Louis.



## Three new faculty appointed for Fall 1989

Three new faculty appointments for next fall have been announced by Provost Edwin H. Welch.

They are Dr. Gregory F. Scholtz, assistant professor of English, Dr. Mary Jo P. Wagner, assistant professor of English, and Geoffrey G. Zoeckler, assistant professor of business administration.

Scholtz replaces Ann Ellsworth, who has resigned, and Zoeckler replaces Steven Miller, who is returning to graduate school at the University of Iowa. Wagner is an addition to the English faculty.

**SCHOLTZ** is the chair of the department of language and literature at Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis. He joined the teaching faculty there in 1982 and was appointed chair in 1986.

He earned his B.A. degree from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D., and his M.A. degree from Marquette University in 1978. He completed his Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago in 1983.

He has authored a number of articles for professional journals and was editor of the 1986-88 Lakeland College Catalog.

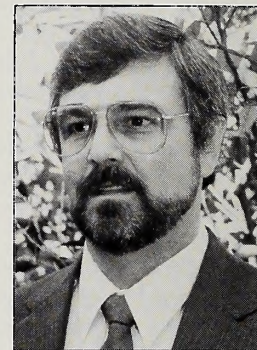
**WAGNER** has been an English/language arts instructional coordinator for grades kindergarten through 12 for the Albemarle County Public Schools in Charlottesville, Va., and an adjunct assis-



Scholtz



Wagner



Zoeckler

tant professor with the University of Virginia Continuing Education program for the past four years.

Previous positions include a year at Radford University, two years at Virginia Tech, four years at Abingdon High School, a half year at Virginia Highlands Community College and a half year at Bristol Junior and Senior High Schools, all in Virginia.

She earned her B.A. and Ed.D. degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1974 and 1984 and her M.Ed. degree from the University of Virginia in 1975.

She received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1985 from her alma mater.

**ZOECKLER**, who is completing work on his doctorate at United States Interna-

tional University in San Diego, Calif., brings both teaching and business experience with him.

He has taught at Oklahoma State University, the College of Idaho, California State-Long Beach, Brooks College and California State-Fullerton.

He was a marketing communications supervisor for the Ansul Co., Marinette, Wis., sales representative with the National Life Insurance Co. of Vermont and an account executive with Universal Communications, Inc., Irvine, Calif.

He earned his B.S. degree in business administration at Northern Michigan in 1969 and his M.S.B.A. degree from California State-Long Beach in 1975. He has done additional postgraduate work at UCLA and Oklahoma State.

## College receives second largest bequest

Wartburg has received more than \$800,000 from the estate of the late Carl Bauer of Pierson, Iowa.

This is the second largest bequest in the college's history and raises its total endowment to more than \$8 million.

Bauer, who died in October 1987 at the age of 101, had named the college as his primary beneficiary in his will, according to Doug Mason, vice president for advancement.

A western Iowa farmer, Bauer lived most of his life with two sisters, Elsa and Marie, on the family farm where they were born. He is survived by Elsa, who lives in Correctionville, Iowa.

Al Disrud, former vice president for development, said the first contact with Bauer was made by the Rev. Harold Becker '42, who was then director of church relations.

"Bauer's interest in Wartburg came about because of his interest in the church," Becker said.

Bauer attended a number of Wartburg-sponsored brotherhood meetings for men of the Lutheran church and that solidified his Wartburg connection, according to Disrud.

"Through these meetings, he became acquainted with the campus and enjoyed the students. Carl, like his sisters, was an

avid reader and had a keen interest in science and the affairs of the world."

An active member of Salem Lutheran Church in Correctionville, Bauer also provided support for various mission appeals of the American Lutheran Church.

"Wartburg is grateful that there are pastors, like Carl's, who encourage people to identify with the colleges of the church," Disrud said.

Bauer was a charter member of Wartburg's Heritage Club, an organization of alumni and friends of Wartburg who have made provision for a future gift to the college.

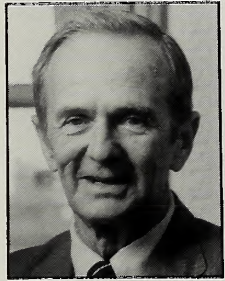


## Honorary degree recipients announced for Commencement

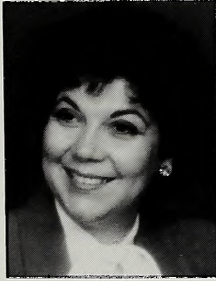
Both major political parties will be prominently represented at Wartburg's 137th Commencement Sunday, May 21.

Former Iowa Congressman Cooper Evans, who is now the chief White House counselor on farm policies and issues, and former Colorado State Senator Polly B. Baca, who is a vice chair of the Democratic National Committee, will receive honorary Doctor of Laws degrees during the ceremony.

Baca also will be the speaker at the 1:30 p.m. exercises.



Evans



Baca

The sermon for a 10 a.m. Baccalaureate Worship Service in Neumann Auditorium will be delivered by the Rev. John E. Keller '45, vice chair of the college's Board of Regents and chair of the Clinical Council of Parkside Medical Services, Inc., Park Ridge, Ill.

Evans, who has a long-term interest in the college and currently serves on the advisory committee for its Leadership Emphasis, operates an 1,800-acre farm near Grundy Center, Iowa.

As a special assistant to the president, he works closely with the secretary of agriculture on agricultural policy development and serves as a strong advocate within the White House for farmers, ranchers and all of rural America.

After serving in the U.S. Army for 20 years, working with the Pentagon, the Atomic Energy Commission and NASA, he returned to Iowa in 1965 and was elected to the Iowa House in 1974, serving for six years.

He then was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the Third District of Iowa and served there for six years, taking particular interest in issues

related to agriculture and nuclear power.

He earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees at Iowa State University and a nuclear engineering degree from the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology.

Baca is president of Sierra Baca Systems, a consulting firm specializing in leadership training, political analysis, program development and motivational presentations. Her primary contract is with the Education Commission of the States, where she directs the State Leadership for Minorities in Higher Education project.

She has been a member of the Democratic National Committee since 1973 and on its executive committee since 1977. She also is active in the Colorado and Adams County Democratic parties.

She was elected to the Colorado House in 1974 and to the Colorado Senate in 1978, becoming the first and only minority woman to be elected to the Colorado Senate and the only Hispanic woman to serve in a leadership position in any State Senate in the United States.

She was one of the 14 charter members to be inducted into the national Hispanic Hall of Fame.

Because of her leadership skills and motivational presentations, she has appeared on numerous TV and radio programs.

## Two earn doctorates



Munir



Belz

Two first-year Wartburg faculty members have earned their doctoral degrees, according to the Provost's office.

They are Dr. Shaheen S. Munir, instructor in psychology, and Dr. Merry K. Belz, assistant professor of music.

Munir received her Ph.D. degree in psychology from Ohio State University. Her thesis topic was "Identity and Anxiety Among Female Adults."

Belz' degree is a Doctor of Musical Arts and is from the Graduate College of the University of Iowa. Her thesis title was "William Henry Fry's Major Operas: Their Influence on the Development of American Opera."

## Vogel, Diers have key roles at Lutheran Conference

Two members of the Wartburg community had key roles at the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America meeting in Banff, Alberta, Canada, Jan. 14 - 18.

President Robert Vogel '56 completed his year's chairmanship of the organization at the Banff conference.

Dr. Herman Diers '49, religion professor, opened the Jan. 15 sessions with a Bible study, then presented opening devotions the following two days.

The organization focused on interna-

tional study during Vogel's term as president. Vogel directed LECNA's search process that selected Dr. Donald Stojke as the new executive director of the Washington, D.C. based organization.

The Lutheran Educational Conference of North America represents 43 Lutheran colleges and three seminaries affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and the new Lutheran Church—Canada.



# McElroy Trust gives grant for renovation project

A grant of \$500,000 has been awarded to Wartburg by the R.J. McElroy Trust of Waterloo for the renovation of the college's present music building into a Communication Arts Center.

The new Communication Arts Center will provide offices, classrooms and work areas for programs in journalism, radio, speech, public relations and photography. It will house the college's radio station, a photography studio and darkrooms, a graphics room and offices for student publications.

The renovation will be part of a larger capital improvement project that includes

construction of an adjacent Fine Arts Center for academic programs in music, music therapy and art.

Wartburg's communication arts program enrolls more than 50 majors and has received national recognition but currently is housed in a variety of locations.

In recent years, the McElroy Trust has endowed a chair in communication arts at the college, held by Kenneth J. Nordstrom, assistant professor of communication arts, and has funded scholarships for minority students and students in communication arts and business.

R.J. McElroy was well-known as WMT radio's "man on the street" in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Following World War II, he obtained community commitment to begin radio station KWWL (now KWLO) and the Black Hawk Broadcasting Co. in Waterloo, Iowa. Under his leadership, the company grew, establishing KWWL-TV and purchasing other stations.

McElroy's will specifies that the trust care for the surviving members of his family and provide for needs of young people.

## Faculty notes

**JOSEF BREUTZMANN**, computer science and mathematics, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Consortium for Computing in Small Colleges.

**ROBERT GREMMELS**, communication arts, was named the 1988 Distinguished Newspaper Adviser for four-year colleges, a national award, by the College Media Advisers and Associated Collegiate Press.

**DR. DAVID HAMPTON**, chemistry, was appointed to a four-year

term as commissioner-at-large for the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges, the accrediting agency for educational institutions in a 19-state region.

**DR. RICHARD SCHNEIDER**, English, presented a paper, "Thoreau and Nineteenth-Century American Landscape Painting: An Overview," at the Modern Language Association's annual meeting. His article, "Reflections in Walden Pond: Thoreau's Optics," is reprinted in the book *Critical Essays on Thoreau's Walden*.

## Student costs up 7.05%

An increase of 7.05 percent or \$720 in student costs for the 1989-90 academic year was approved by Wartburg's Board of Regents at its annual winter meeting.

That will make the total cost \$10,940. This year's costs were \$10,220. The increase is comprised of \$600 for tuition, \$10 for fees, \$60 for room and \$50 for board.

At the same time the board approved the increase, it initiated a longer-range study of students costs and how increases might be made more predictable.

President Robert Vogel said two primary commitments are reflected in the 1989-90 budget, quality in the academic program and affordability for students.

The first is reflected in the creation of at least four new faculty positions and a sizable increase in library acquisitions.

The second is underscored by the fact that part of the increase will go toward a 13.45 percent increase in the student financial aid budget.

Vogel said the board took into consideration a recent study of 29 Lutheran colleges that shows Wartburg in the top 10 in academic profile, 19th in comprehensive costs and third in the amount of financial aid awarded per student.

Referring to a 1988 study by *Changing Times* magazine, he said "It is clear that Wartburg deserves its mention as one of the 42 best 'high quality, low cost' schools in the country."

## Approve promotions, leaves

Faculty promotions and leaves approved by the Wartburg Board of Regents at its annual winter meeting have been announced by Provost Edwin H. Welch.

Promotions in rank to full professor were awarded to Dr. Axel H. Schuessler of the history department and Dr. Donald King of the biology department.

Four faculty members also were granted tenure. They are Dr. Chris K. Schmidt '66, professor of computer science and director of academic computing, Dr. Richard J. Schneider, associate professor and chair of the English department; Dr. Leslie E. Huth '58, associate profes-

sor and chair of the education department, and Paul A. Magnall, associate professor of computer information systems.

Two sabbatical leaves were granted. During the Fall Term 1989, Dr. Lynn J. Olson, professor of mathematics and computer science, will be at the University of Iowa studying computer graphics, and during the Winter/May Term 1990, Phyllis L. Schmidt, associate professor of education, will teach and develop an English language program at Morogoro Lutheran Junior Seminary in Tanzania, Africa.





## Enterprising Venture Ed student packs a wallop with his welder

By Elaine Main

Airport security guards between Minneapolis and Africa winced at Brad Duellman's luggage when he embarked on his term of study under Wartburg's Venture Education program. His two suitcases and one carry-on bag bulged with things that looked suspicious.

To be sure, the Wartburg junior from Fountain City, Wis., had no bomb. He carried tools and raw materials. But what a list of things: vice grips, hacksaw with spare blades, wood saw, files, hand drill with bits, trouble light, permatrix, safety helmet with spare lenses, wood glue, super glue, duct tape... What raised the most official eyebrows were 40 pounds of welding rods and—completely filling one suitcase—an ingenious welding unit

that contained its own generator.

Duellman was scheduled to leave for his assignment at the Igabiro Farmers' Training Centre in Bukoba, Tanzania, early last September. The center is a two-year school in a remote area of that east African nation and trains men and women to be farmers.

Only three weeks before his departure, his assignment for the three months reached Duellman from the training center. He was to repair and reassemble broken farm machinery and implements. The list included a broken John Deere planter, Harvester baler, Massey-Ferguson tractor, ploughs, spray equipment and more.

The assignment didn't faze Duellman.

Neither did the list. What did faze him was the last note on the page: "All... require basic equipment of which the following items are not available at the center—neither a welder nor a drill."

Duellman knows vehicle repair; the many cars he has fixed are paying for his college education. He knows that welding is essential to metal work and that without a welder his hands would be tied.

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**Above, Brad Duellman's welder-generator earned him the title of mechanical engineer, according to Richard, the Tanzanian in charge of equipment at Igabiro Farmers' Training.**

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He decided that he'd have to take the Tanzanians a welder and it would have to be one that housed its own generator, since the remote center does not enjoy the luxury of electricity. In less than three weeks, he'd raise the money to buy that welder.

Both Duellman and Dr. Herman Diers '49, the Wartburg religion professor who directs the Venture Education program, began long distance phone calls to find such a welder. They finally found a

manufacturer, but the welder/generator's cost was steep and its 420 pounds of metal would have to be shipped by air freight, costing \$2,200 to Nairobi, which was not even Duellman's final destination.

More research located the Hobart company which makes a 67-pound welder/generator. Its cost was \$1,200, and Duellman immediately began soliciting contributors to raise that amount. His project caught the imagination of many people, and the contribution list reads

like a census of Duellman's family, friends and hometown: benefits from a Polka Mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and donations from its altar society and priest, Father Hansen; Lions Club; Everett Steckel, his former high school teacher, and Steckel's wife, Shirley; friends Mary Lauderdale, Dallas Dworschack, Bill Baures and Gaylord Frie; aunts and uncles, Ethel and Bill Schuth of Winona, Minn., and Robert and Carol Duellman of Galesville, Wis.; his father's business associate, Tom Severson of Severson Oil Co. in Winona, Minn.; Wartburg professors Diers and Dr. Don Roise-land, physics; Harold Nielson, a businessman from Kenyon, Minn., a donor who had not even met Duellman; and others.

Donations of materials came from Winona Auto Parts and Mississippi Welders, both of Winona.

"People were fascinated by my plans," Duellman said, "and I was surprised that I was able to raise the money and get the machine that quickly."

The size and weight of the machine were perfect. Airlines allowed two suitcases, each weighing up to 70 pounds, and one carry-on bag. The Hobart tipped the scales at 67 pounds. It was small enough to fit in Duellman's parents' old leather suitcase.

"I stuffed the second suitcase and the carry-on with other equipment," Duellmann said. "I used a scale and repacked things back and forth until the suitcase weighed exactly 70 pounds."

Packing was both an art and a science, because Duellman also packed a week's worth of clothes and 500 pencils, all carrying the name of the center. They were a gift from Duellman's classmate, Julie Muchmore, a junior from Rowley, Iowa, who spent the previous summer working at the center.

What didn't fit into Duellman's three pieces of luggage were 45 spiral notebooks that he'd use to set up a parts inventory at the center and six books he felt were essential—two instruction books for woodworking, two for metalworking and two for teaching English. He convinced his friend to carry those, and so 50 pounds of books were added to the luggage of Ken Guyette, a junior from Green Bay, Wis. Guyette, also a Venture Education student, worked with the center's 15 stores, creating an inventory system, ledgers and other record books.

"I don't recommend traveling with

## Venture Education changes students' lives

It's true, according to Wendy Hummel, a senior from Polo, Ill., and Lisa Palmquist, a senior from Ames, Iowa. Venture Education will probably be the greatest term of their college careers.

The two spent four months on a national sugar cane plantation near Mt. Kilimanjaro, where they assisted in the surgery unit of a hospital.

Venture Education students live at the grass roots of African culture. That produces first-hand experiences about what life is like for poorer people and tests students' ability to enter an entirely different culture. Palmquist tells a chicken tale about coping with a different lifestyle.

"Wendy and I decided to cook a meal for the Lutheran pastor and his family with whom we lived," Palmquist said. "One of our 'brothers' went with me to the open market for a chicken. The elderly man I bartered with probably seldom saw a white woman at the market and kept expecting Stephen to take over the transaction. Finally, we made a deal, and the man simply tied the legs of the squawking bird together and handed it to me. I stuffed it into my market basket. On the bus going home, it proceeded to excrete on the other food and stick its head out and squawk. The passengers on the bus thought I was quite a spectacle."

The Tanzanians wholeheartedly accept Wartburg students. Palmquist and Hummel left with gifts of khangas, yards of brightly colored fabric that Tanzanian women artfully wind



Hummel (l), Palmquist (r)

around their bodies. The coeds weren't as skillful in wrapping their khangas as the Tanzanian women, who enjoyed a good laugh at their attempts. Yet, they appreciated the visitors' desire to be part of their community.

For the two seniors that was no effort. In fact, Hummel was completely taken by Matayo, a needy two-year-old boy whose mother had died of malaria and who now called her "mama." She, in essence, adopted him and sends money each month for his care.

The cost isn't great by U.S. standards—a couple of dollars a month, but it shows her commitment to him and to her dream of working in a Third World country.

"Someday, I'd like to go back to Tanzania to work," she said, a dream echoed by most Venture Education students.



that much stuff," Duellman said. "The whole trip I was nervous about whether we'd get through customs and duty."

If duty were imposed, it could easily equal the original cost of the equipment. So, even though Duellman's trip included an overnight cruise across Lake Victoria, he says the best moment was when the Tanzanian customs official who brought up the question of duty waved him on through. Or perhaps when, by chance, another plane was able to transport his luggage after a little two-prop plane limited him to 44 pounds.

Duellman arrived at the center just as planting of maize (corn), sunflowers and navy beans began.

"I was told to keep one tractor going—at all costs," he said, "so the next day I fixed it—three times."

The first two times, his welding of the tractor's broken stabilizing bars broke within a half hour. The third time Duellman made sure he had a hot weld in the works and nearly burned the tractor. The rope attached to its stabilizing bar went up in flames.

"I suppose the Tanzanians wondered whether they should trust a foreigner who burned the tractor on the first day," Duellman said.

He needn't have worried about his reputation. By the time Duellman left, he was the center's magic fix-it-man. His list of successes included that Massey Ferguson tractor, John Deere planter, McCormick tractor, Massey Ferguson 290, Isuzu seven-ton dump truck, mower, grader, bicycles, motorcycles, cars, plumbing . . .

Duellman's stories match that list: the Mercedes ball joint that finally dropped into the heated socket of the Peugeot, the bent grader blade that was missing its braces and axle, the tire he made to fit that grader from a John Deere side rig, the shaft he crafted for the Massey and the new shaft's tiny key that took six hours to file into shape.

"When Ken or I got stumped, we'd joke, 'Use your brain,'" Duellman said.

They relied on brainwork constantly.

"There was no place to buy new parts," he said. "When metal wore down, you built it back up by welding, then filed and filed and filed to shape it properly. I learned a lot about how to fix things with nothing. I constantly used the hacksaw and file and welder and wrenches."

Duellman found he had not brought enough equipment. For example, the center had no air gauge or tool to extract

valve stems of tires. It had no forge, so Duellmann made one.

"I'd seen blacksmith forges in old movies," he said, "so I invented one from memory."

His result worked and looked professional. It was created from an old stove plate, parts of an old disk and the chimney left from a former coffee factory.

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**"The hardest part was coming home from Tanzania. I catch myself saying 'back home' when I talk about Tanzania."**

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Duellman thanks his folks' company for his mechanical expertise. For 26 years, his parents, Elmer and Bernadette Duellman, have operated Elmer's Auto Salvage, a 90-acre salvage yard on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River, northeast of Fountain City. The yard sorts parts from 10,000 cars into fields by auto type. And the boss's son gets stuck with the worst jobs, he jokes.

Nevertheless, that experience—plus the careful study he did on agricultural equipment before he left the States—landed him in Tanzania with the knowledge to earn him, according to the Tanzanians, the title of mechanical engineer.

When he left the center, its salvage yard wasn't up to snuff by Duellman's standards, but it looked a lot different. Parts were grouped by brand, and many of those spiral notebooks and pencils were hanging on the wall to keep track of needed maintenance on each vehicle.

"Richard was the Tanzanian in charge of the center's equipment," Duellman said, "and we became close friends—despite the English/Swahili barrier. He was excited about the maintenance plans I'd set up, but that doesn't mean he's kept all the equipment going."

For example, when Duellman left, a fuel pump still hadn't arrived for the Massey.

"Richard could put the fuel pump on, but the tractor's hydraulic seals had blown, too. He has a manual, but it's written in English and Richard doesn't read English."

Richard was sorry to see Duellman leave, and Duellman felt the same way.

"I'd like to go back some day," he said, "or do similar work in another country. I'm a computer science major, and I'm looking into companies that offer employees opportunities to work abroad in

less-developed countries."

In that case, he should be served well by the "travel minor" that he jokes he's earned at Wartburg. Last May, he toured Egypt and Israel on a one-month archaeology field trip. This May, he and his tuba are accompanying Wartburg's Concert Band on its month-long European tour. In 13 months, he has visited 15 countries on five continents.

"The hardest part was coming home from Tanzania," he admits. "I catch myself saying, 'back home' when I talk about Tanzania. In those three months, Tanzania became home."

Getting luggage back to the States was as difficult for Duellman as getting the equipment to Tanzania, even though his suitcases now were light. As he planned, the welder and all the equipment stayed at the center. So did his well-worn work clothes. They became Richard's grease rags.

Now, the luggage problem wasn't weight or suspicious-looking equipment. Now, officials checked for drugs. Duellman was carrying a native Tanzanian drum, which the students, teachers and employees of the farm center gave him, and customs officials wanted to X-ray it for contraband. Duellman's wood carvings were X-rayed, too. His instant coffee was sent away for analysis. And his flower bulbs were confiscated.

Once again, airport security guards remembered Brad Duellman.

*Dr. Herman Diers '49, director of Venture Education, arranges for students to work and study at four sites in Tanzania, a country located in southeast Africa. At each site, a resource person who speaks English provides support for the students, who tutor, assist in medical dispensaries, help in preschools, work with an agricultural training center, teach music, gather traditional melodies or conduct scientific research.*

*Students receive four course credits during the 12 weeks.*

*The cost is similar to a term on campus, and transportation scholarships match up to \$200 of funds contributed by students' congregations or community groups.*



# *Alumni, friends* **'join a college'**

*Don't join too many gangs,  
Join few if any.  
Join the United States,  
And join the family —  
And not much in between.  
Unless a college.*

—attributed to Robert Frost

"Joining a college" took on new meaning the evening of Feb. 12, as Wartburg announced commitments for the endowment of three additional faculty chairs, two distinguished professorships and a new scholarship program. The announcements came at a gathering hosted by the Board of Regents for faculty and staff to report on progress toward the goals of the college's long-range plan, A Decade of Opportunity.

The new chairs are in ethics, commercial banking and leadership. The distinguished professorships are in business management and chemistry. The scholarships are for students from the Jesup, Iowa, area. In total, they represent commitments of more than \$1.9 million by Board members, friends and alumni to enhance the academic quality of the college.

All the newly announced endowments, it was stressed, are investments in **people**. By enhancing salaries, endowments for chairs and distinguished professorships permit the college to attract or retain the best possible teaching faculty. The funds also provide stipends for summer study, research and writing. In addition, funds for the chairs support conferences and special programs offered for the entire campus community in the name of the chair.

A chair requires a minimum commitment of \$500,000, a distinguished professorship a minimum of \$200,000.

Wartburg's first endowed chair was created in 1981 by a gift from the R. J. McElroy Trust and is named **The R. J. McElroy Chair in Communication Arts**. The college's long range plan calls for endowing an additional five chairs and 10 distinguished professorships by 1992. Pledges for **The Myrle Burk and Vera Burk Will Chair in Biology** and **The Harry and Polly Slife Distinguished Professorship in the Humanities** were announced last May.

More information on the chairs in leadership and commercial banking will be included in the next issue of the magazine.

Guest speaker at the event was G.T. "Buck" Smith, recently retired president of Chapman College in Orange, Calif., who now conducts seminars for college governing boards throughout the United States. After listening to the announcements, he said, "I've never witnessed an evening such as this. You have something extraordinary here. You are almost unique, not in terms of doing what you do, but that you have the capacity to give expression to it in the company of one another, a feeling of family so often wished for but so seldom experienced."

He then quoted Robert Frost, adding that to "join a college" implies on the part of its friends a "willingness to plant trees in whose shade they may never sit. That is what you've done by endowing this institution."

## ***The Carl and Dorothy Hagemann Distinguished Professorship in Business Management***

Fred W. Hagemann '67, a member of the Board of Regents and president of the State Bank of Waverly, which is pledging the funds, said his parents feel Wartburg has had a major impact on the city of Waverly and its quality of life. "This is their way of thanking the college for what it has been and of contributing to what it will be," he said.

The professorship will be housed in the department of business administration and economics, the largest in terms of student majors.

Carl Hagemann earned a law degree from the University of Iowa in 1931 and practiced law in Waverly until 1970. He became president of the State Bank of Waverly in 1952 and chair of its board in 1980, a position he still holds. He was a member of the college's Board of Regents from 1940-42 and of the board of directors of Century Companies of America from 1947-74.

Dorothy Hagemann is a 1930 graduate of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., and did graduate work at Columbia University, New York City. She taught English for three years in West Union, Iowa, and has been active in many professional and community groups.



***Carl and Dorothy Hagemann and their son, Fred Hagemann***



## ***The Duroe Family Endowed Scholarship***

Income from the \$50,000 gift of Albert "Sparky" '67 and Sue Duroe will be available each year to qualified students, with preference going to those from Jesup, Iowa, where the Duroes make their home. Duroe is president of the Farmers State Bank of Jesup-Raymond and a member of the Board of Regents.

The Duroes have also made matching gifts over the years to the Harry and Polly Slife Minority Scholarship Fund. Duroe attended Wartburg from 1963-65 and received his B.S. degree from Iowa State University in agricultural economics in 1967.

He later did graduate work in business at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls; in banking at the University of Wisconsin, Madison; and in small company management at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Recalling his Wartburg days with a wry smile, Duroe said, "Back then, Dean of Students Earnest Oppermann gave me a second chance. This is a way to say, 'Thank you.'"



***Albert "Sparky" and Sue Duroe***

## ***The Ralph E. Otto Distinguished Professorship in Chemistry***

This professorship is the gift of alumnus Dr. Ralph Otto '63 and his wife, Diane, of Winnetka, Ill. Otto is a cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon with a practice in the greater Chicago area. In making the announcement, Otto recounted the excellent training he had at Wartburg that prepared him for his career. He received his M.D. degree from Northwestern University and is now part of a group of surgeons who practice at three Chicago area hospitals.

The Ottos' support of Wartburg's chemistry program dates to 1984, when they endowed the Professor A.W. Swensen Scholarship for upperclass chemistry majors, in memory of his Wartburg teacher and mentor.

In making the current gift, Otto said, "Wartburg has remained most impressive in the quality of its graduates. The college's ability to attract students of National Science Foundation Fellowship caliber and to place its students in extremely competitive graduate schools speaks for itself."

He added, "I hope my gift will provide the stimulus to my fellow alumni to accept the challenge to endow a chair in chemistry." Diane Otto expressed the family's wish that the professorship be named for her husband.



***Dr. Ralph and Diane Otto***

## ***The Regents Chair in Ethics***

Announced by Board Chair Harry Slife, the position will be housed in the philosophy department but will have college-wide impact since its occupant will also teach the application of ethics in other disciplines, such as business and the sciences.

Said Slife, "The Board wanted to set an example for others to enrich the life of the college by these means. Since the transmission of the ideals of the value-centered

life is an integral part of Wartburg, we felt there was no better place for the Board to leave its mark than to endow a chair in ethics."

The pledge for this chair brings to more than \$1 million the commitment of Board members, collectively and individually, toward the goals of the college's Decade of Opportunity. This sum significantly exceeds any previous Board gifts.



# There's a woman in the Whitehouse!

## Professor of the Year Lois Lindell



By Mary-Claire Uselding

*On the trading floor, market activity is frenzied as buyers and sellers try to cut the best deals before closing. The din rises. Hands wave frantically to signal offering and asking prices. From time to time, brokers nervously calculate profits and losses. Eyes flicker to the numbers on the Big Board.*

Black Monday on the New York Stock Exchange? Not exactly. The "trading floor" is a classroom floor in Wartburg's Whitehouse Business Center, where Lois Lindell, assistant professor of economics, is making a point to her students in Introductory Microeconomics.

They've been playing *The Big Apple: A Market Game*, buying and selling fictional apples at prices determined by the luck of the draw. Their enthusiasm is anything but fictional. One student climbs on a desk to be better seen by prospective sellers. Another moans, as she totes up her gains and losses, "There goes next month's rent!" Faced with a scenario where sellers collude to establish apple prices, a would-be buyer sputters indignantly, "Let 'em rot!"

The game has a serious purpose. "It illustrates the movement toward equilibrium prices where most exchanges take place," Lindell says. "It's so much better for students to see in a constrained setting how that actually gets sorted out than for me just to stand there lecturing."

Use of devices like this are typical of the friendly but demanding teaching style that helped earn Lindell election as Wartburg's 1988-89 Professor of the Year. She is the sixth annual recipient of

the honor and the first woman. The award recognizes knowledge and effectiveness in the classroom coupled with an interest in students both in and out of the classroom.

Lindell excels in both dimensions. Says Provost Ed Welch, "Lois Lindell epitomizes the union of the demand for academic excellence with genuine caring for the students." She is deeply committed to the dual aspects of her role.

"First and foremost," she says, "I want students to see me as an economist in action." That can be difficult because economics uses a language to which few students have any previous exposure. Most come to college with little or no course work in "true" economics. "Economics requires a lot of study, reading and paying attention to current events," she notes. The games provide both a change of pace and a memorable way for students to understand new and abstract concepts.

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But Lindell also makes a point of getting to know her students as individuals. Gloria Campbell, chair of the department of business administration and economics, says there is no senior-year panic among Lois Lindell's advisees

over whether or not they have the credits or grade-point average to graduate. "She's meticulous about student progress. She's in touch and knows when an intervention needs to be made."

Freshman business major Ted Batemon of Waterloo, Iowa, appreciates that touch. "If you don't do well on a test, she'll say, 'Come and talk to me.' And if you don't, she'll track you down! Once you meet with her, you find she's really trying to help you learn from your mistakes."

Lindell uses ice-breakers to get to know students better. Last fall, her first "quiz" in macroeconomics required students to visit her in her office. For grades, she awarded stickers proclaiming recipients *fantastic*, *wonderful*, *super* or *neat*. "Some students feel comfortable dropping into their professor's office. Others find it difficult, especially if they've heard tales from brothers or sisters at big institutions where the practice is a lot less common."

The opportunity to develop close relationships with students is one of the reasons Lindell feels completely at home at a small college like Wartburg—that and her strong feelings about the benefits of a liberal arts education.

Those convictions have their roots, interestingly enough, in her undergraduate program at the relatively large University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, where she started as an accounting major, partook deeply of course offerings in speech communication, theater and philosophy and ended up majoring in economics.



"I was a debater, and there are lots of economic implications to debate questions," she explains. "I'd already taken a couple of economics courses in my accounting program, all, as it happened, from the same professor, Dr. Jerry Laurent. When I showed up in his fourth class, he said, 'Just out of curiosity, what's your major? Maybe you ought to think about economics.' He's a well-rounded man, a liberal arts person who's always trying to draw out the relationship between economics and other disciplines. He's been a role model for me."

Her family's reaction to her eclectic program was the common one: "What are you going to do with all this stuff?" Lindell decided graduate school was a good choice, because, as she readily admits, there's a bit of the professional student in her who'd like to sit and take classes forever. She chose economics because there were greater opportunities in that field and because, quite frankly, there were few women pursuing it.

Why so few? She feels there are several explanations. "Career paths in economics tend to be in consulting or research, which for reasons I don't understand, don't seem to appeal as strongly to women." But mostly, it's math anxiety. "An economist must have exceptional quantitative skills. As early as the grades, there must be a stronger push for girls to excel in math. They must know it's important and that they can do well."

Lindell doesn't care for the feminist label because it carries too much baggage, but her concern for issues important to women is evident. Her in-progress dissertation for the Ph.D. degree (from the University of Nebraska) uses Midwest census data to determine, among other things, if gender-based job discrimination also follows a rural-urban pattern. She tries to serve as a role

model for all her students but has remained especially close to several women graduates who are serious about long-term business careers.

As a young girl, Lindell was led to believe all paths were open to her. "I had several relatives who never let cultural norms dictate their behavior." A grandmother (still living) was a school teacher in the 20's who tried to buck the rules and keep teaching after she was married. A great aunt bought a large hardware business in the latter years of the Depression and ran it successfully.

Her own mother took course work toward an advanced degree at a time when that was unusual for a wife and mother, especially in the rural commu-

nity of Pardeeville ("that's d-e-e"), Wis., where Lindell grew up. The move proved fortunate after Lindell's father died when she was 10 and her mother was left to work and raise two girls alone.

Today, her mother is a kindergarten teacher. "She breaks 'em in," laughs Lindell. "I tell her to do a good job, because I'm gonna get 'em 12 years later."

And "get 'em" she does.

"I think she's an excellent teacher," says freshman Lisa Uhlenhopp, of Applington, Iowa, a business major. "She really knows what she's talking about, and she expects us to work hard. But she makes it exciting in the classroom."

Batemon agrees with those sentiments.



**PLAYING THE MARKET**—Lois Lindell, assistant professor of economics, uses many devices to bring her classes to life. Above, students experience agony and ecstasy as they enter into the spirit of a market simulation game.



"It's kind of tough, but it's also fun. She's very good at presenting new information but then stopping and relating it to something familiar. She's got a relaxed teaching style, just like we're sitting here talking about this. And if she uses something new like projecting a computer screen on an overhead she always asks for feedback, for our opinion on its usefulness for us. She wants to know the best possible way for us to learn."

Senior Kurt Wolfgram of St. Louis has known Lois Lindell for four years as he's gravitated toward an economics major. "She's been my disciplinarian, my devil's advocate, sometimes a devil," he grins, "and now my friend."

Friend. That's not all by chance. Lindell also wants students to know her as a person who does something besides "talk about economics to them three times a week." Maybe that's the reason Lois and husband Terry, chair of the Wartburg history department, can be found on campus many an evening and weekend—and not in their offices either.

The two give frequent talks to students in marriage preparation sessions, mostly on nitty-gritty topics like managing finances and juggling the demands of marriage and dual careers. Ever since their arrival at Wartburg in 1984, they've served as faculty associates for a residence hall floor, Vollmer One. This means they appear regularly at hall functions and often put together floor gatherings for the Artist Series. A couple of times a year, all 28 floor residents can be found perched around the Lindells' apartment having a purely social time.

Lois Lindell's non-classroom activities have also extended the college to other groups. As a member of the Wartburg Speakers' Bureau, she's enlightened lay audiences about the national debt and deficit spending and about how to run well-oiled meetings, drawing on her knowledge of parliamentary procedure. In academic circles, she's presented papers on the internationalization of the business curriculum and on Iowa's economic development through global markets.

She serves on two key Wartburg faculty committees, General Education and Educational Policies. The General Educa-



**OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**—Lois Lindell, often with husband Terry, regularly counsels engaged students like seniors Jill Bowden, West Union, Iowa, and Greg Blank, Nevada, Iowa, who are planning a winter wedding.

tion Committee in particular has given her the opportunity to get back into some of the interests of her own undergraduate days. The old debater comes out as she helps the committee wrestle with the question of balance in the Wartburg curriculum and with conflicting needs. Associate professor of biology Steve Main, also a member of the committee, appreciates Lindell's willingness to get into the background of academic issues and, he adds wonderingly, "her ability to be cheerful throughout the whole thing."

She thinks the Wartburg Plan of general education is exceptional. "We've had a comprehensive and integrated plan here for nearly 10 years, longer than most other institutions. I like the fact that the plan is dynamic, responsive to emerging areas. It's also given me the opportunity to teach interdisciplinary courses."

One of those opportunities has been Person and Society, the foundational studies in the social sciences. "I love that course," she says. "It's a very successful integration of the social science disciplines. The course takes up the concept of power, beginning with power in the person (psychology) and expanding to power in the broadest sense, as it's exercised in international relations and the economic system.

"Students don't always see right away

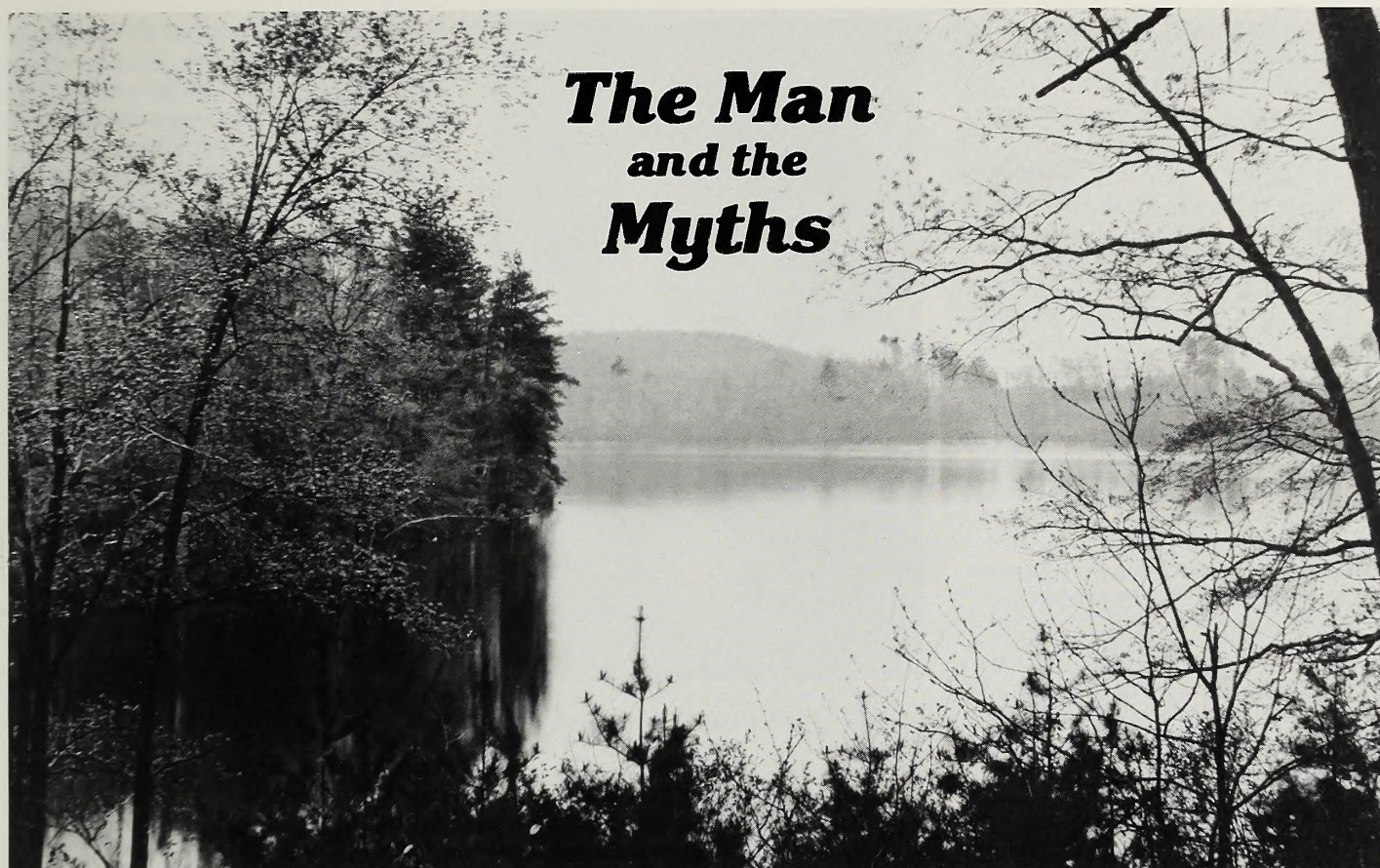
what those courses do for them," she feels. "Sometimes the 'ah-ha' experience is delayed, but ultimately I think courses like that help all students, no matter which curriculum they're following. You get a broader understanding of the world around you, a better approach to problem-solving, because you've been exposed to so many different ways of looking at things—for example, how the humanities come to 'truth' by looking at things historically or philosophically or culturally versus the quantitative, deductive approach of the sciences. And then the social sciences, which use a methodology that's a mixture of the other two."

Hearing Lindell speak so passionately about teaching and learning, it's easy to believe her when she says she still sees herself teaching 10 years from now—although she wouldn't mind trying her hand at administration someday. Pressed, she adds that if she wins the lottery, she'd consider going to law school.

But that's some day. Today, at her desk in the Whitehouse Center, Lindell leans forward, eager to explain a teaching tool she uses in her class on the economics of financial institutions. "Somebody has dug up a thousand dollars from Aunt Tillie's backyard, you see, and put it into circulation in the economy . . ."



# Henry David Thoreau:



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## The Man and the Myths

### Walden Pond

By Richard J. Schneider

My favorite cartoon shows a bearded Henry David Thoreau sitting on a rock next to Walden Pond writing a postcard to his philosopher friend Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Dear Ralph, Talk about boring!! Nothing to do but take stupid walks in the dreary woods! You'd hate it." The caption below the picture reads, "By strategic use of postcards, Thoreau manages to keep Walden Pond unspoiled." Although amusing, this cartoon illustrates a trait frustrating to historians and literary critics: we prefer myths to historical fact.

The image of Henry David Thoreau meditating peacefully by Walden Pond is attractive to us reluctant contestants in life's rat race. Thoreau did what most of us wish we could do: get away from it all and find a simple life of peace and quiet. When I teach Thoreau or talk about him, however, I realize that, while readily recognized, Thoreau is one of the least understood figures in American culture. Myth has obscured Thoreau, sometimes to his benefit, sometimes not.

The cartoon illustrates the most common misconception about Thoreau—

that he was a Daniel Boone figure turning his back on society to brave the perils of the wilderness. The facts suggest otherwise. True, Thoreau built a cabin at Walden Pond and lived there for approximately two years. But most of us do not realize that Walden Pond is only a mile from the center of Concord, Mass., and was hardly wilderness even in Thoreau's day. Even if there had been postcards back then, Thoreau would hardly have had to send one to Emerson, who lived within easy walking distance.

Although he was conducting an experiment in self-culture, Thoreau never believed that it was good to be always and completely alone. Detractors frequently assert that he was a hypocritical free-loader who, although pretending to be self-reliant, really "sneaked into town"

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*"Thoreau never believed that it was good to be always and completely alone."*

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every evening for dinner with his parents or with the Emersons. While it is true he sometimes went into town for such dinners, these visits were made because he loved his family and friends and never intended to ignore them.

Even when at the pond, Thoreau was no recluse. His biographer, Walter Harding, points out that "hardly a day went by that Thoreau did not visit the village or was visited at the pond." His regular visitors included Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Bronson Alcott and his family of "little women," Alek Therien the wood-chopper, some of his former pupils from his teaching days and often, on Sunday afternoons, groups of children who came to see his pet mouse, which lived under the cabin. His cabin even became a fashionable site for group picnics and meetings of civic groups.

Thoreau was not attempting to escape from "real life" to loaf. Rather he had work to do, and he needed a quieter place than his parents' home, a bustling boardinghouse, to do it.

One of the main tasks he set for himself was to conduct an experiment in



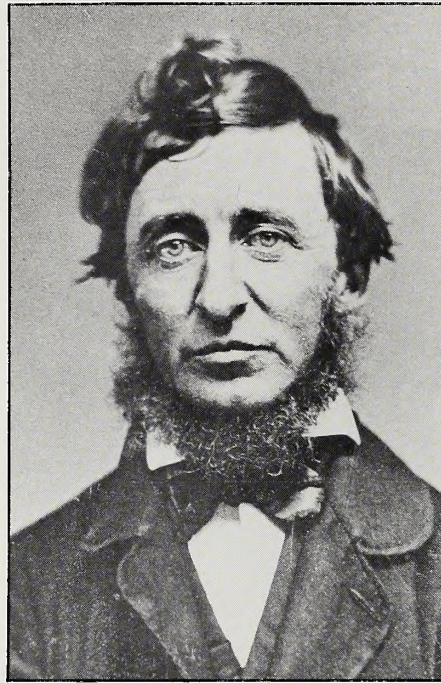
subsistence farming. He wanted to see how efficiently one person could live by farming a little and living off the food that nature produced on its own. During his stay at the pond, he also became a vigorous amateur naturalist. These tasks meant that he had plenty to do at the pond—writing, raising a crop of beans, studying nature, fishing and gathering food and firewood. In *Walden*, he makes it clear that he did not go to the pond to be idle:

*I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear; nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to cut a broad swath and shave close, to drive life into a corner, and reduce it to its lowest terms, and, if it proved to be mean, why then to get the whole and genuine meanness of it, and publish its meanness to the world; or if it were sublime, to know it by experience, and be able to give a true account of it in my next excursion.*

The verb phrases in this passage—"live deliberately," "front the facts," "suck out," "cut a swath," "shave close" and "drive life"—demonstrate that Thoreau considered his life at the pond to be active, energetic, even courageous.

Another misconception about Thoreau's Walden Pond experiment is that he thought everyone should live permanently in the wilderness. Yet during a writing career of more than 20 years, he lived only two at Walden and left it simply because "I had several more lives to live, and could not spare any more time for that one." Furthermore, he insists in *Walden* that he does not invite imitation of his own lifestyle but believes that each person should "be very careful to find and pursue his own way."

Although Thoreau did indeed think, as he says in his essay "Walking," that "in Wildness is the preservation of the World," he viewed the wilderness as a resource for society not as a permanent residence. He took the opportunity to visit a genuine wilderness in the Maine woods several times, and upon return-



Henry David Thoreau (1817 - 1862)

ing from one of those excursions, he writes in his essay "Chesuncook" that "it was a relief to get back to our smooth, but still varied landscape. For a permanent residence, it seemed to me that there could be no comparison between this and the wilderness, necessary as the latter is for a resource and background." He acknowledges the wilderness as "the raw material of all our civilization" but admits that "a civilized man . . . must at length pine there, like a cultivated plant which clasps its fibres about a crude and undissolved mass of peat."

Instead of living in the wilderness, he suggests a compromise for society, which is "to have our national preserves, where no villages need be destroyed, in which the bear and panther, and some even of the hunter race, may still exist, and not be 'civilized off the face of the earth.'"

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*"Thoreau was not free from racial and ethnic prejudices."*

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Thus, all America could live what he liked to call a "border life," enjoying the benefits of civilization while still having available the rehabilitating wildness of the wilderness. This call for national preserves was one of the inspirations for our national park system.

Thoreau, then, was not advocating a return to a primitive life. He believed it was quite proper for people to humanize nature. "The farmer," he says in "Walking," "displaces the Indian even because he redeems the meadow, and so makes himself stronger and in some respects more natural." But Thoreau favored only subsistence farming and became quite upset when he saw Concord farmers haul crops miles into Boston to be sold.

If Thoreau is known for something other than his presumed advocacy of getting "back to nature," it is for his views on civil rights and non-violence. But there too fact and myth become easily confused.

Thoreau and his family, especially his mother, were staunch abolitionists who frequently harbored escaped slaves in the family house in town where there were attics and closets convenient for hiding. Thoreau writes of putting one fugitive on the train to Canada. However, the myth persists that Thoreau hid runaway slaves in his cabin at Walden Pond, although a one-room cabin with no closets offered an improbable place.

Despite his admirable abolitionist views Thoreau was not free from racial and ethnic prejudices. Early in his writing career he exhibited obvious prejudice against Irish Catholic immigrants. Even his frequently expressed admiration for Indians, as Robert Sayre of the University of Iowa has pointed out, was rooted in romantic misconceptions of "the noble savage" that were common in his day. Not until relatively late in his life did he modify his benign but paternalistic view that Indians were child-like innocents incapable of existing in a civilized world.

Nor did serving as a conductor on the underground railroad exempt Thoreau from a paternalistic view of blacks. Like many abolitionists, he seems to have believed that blacks, too, were childlike and inferior and, once freed, would need protection from the competitiveness of America capitalism. Michael Meyer of the University of Connecticut has found evidence that Thoreau may have favored a reported plan to ship blacks en masse to Central America where they would not be exploited by the American economy. He was able to rid himself of stereotypes about the Irish and the Indians but not about blacks.

Slavery was an issue on which Thoreau had especially strong opinions, strong enough to overwhelm his presumed rejection of violent resistance to



oppression. Through his essay, "Civil Disobedience," Thoreau strongly influenced both Gandhi and Martin Luther King, the two most effective advocates of passive resistance in the 20th century. Passive resistance was indeed his preferred defense against oppression. But he could also support violent resistance.

Even at age 23, Thoreau showed some sympathy for violent resistance. In a Concord Lyceum debate against Bronson Alcott on the question, "Is it ever proper to offer forcible resistance?" he and his brother John took the affirmative. His first book, *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers*, protests the Billerica dam's effect on the fishing and farming along the Merrimack River: "I for one am for thee [the fish and the farmers], and who knows what may avail a crowbar against that Billerica dam?" Even in "Civil Disobedience" itself he chides Americans for their reticence about violent resistance when the nation itself was founded by violent revolution. He asserts that the right to resist injustice includes not only the right "to refuse allegiance" but also "to resist the government," the contrast between the two phrases implying the possibility of active resistance.

But it was in his defense of John Brown's attempt to free the slaves that Thoreau advocated violence most obviously and forcefully. Thoreau was one of Brown's staunchest defenders against tremendous adverse public opinion even among abolitionists. In "A Plea for Captain John Brown," he condones violent resistance under severe enough circumstances: "I do not wish to kill or be killed, but I can foresee circumstances in which both these things would be by me unavoidable." Elsewhere in the same essay he makes his stand ever clearer in speaking of Brown: "It was his peculiar doctrine that a man has a perfect right to interfere by force with the slaveholder, in order to rescue the slave. I agree with him." Even though Thoreau preferred passive resistance and influenced Gandhi and King, he is not the patron saint of nonviolence.

Finally, both his experiment at Walden Pond and his resistance to the government (his famous night in jail took place while he was living at Walden Pond), demonstrate that although Thoreau is perhaps America's most famous advocate of individualism, that individualism is connected to the larger community. Thoreau spent a night in jail on the

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assumption that his example would motivate his neighbors to share his concerns about slavery and about America's invasion of Mexico.

But he learned from that experience that leading by example was not always enough. Sometimes the sound of a Sharps rifle in the hands of a John Brown woke people up more effectively than a silent protest. Thoreau knew that the most basic duty of every person is to try to perfect one's own life, but the natural result of such an attempt was bound to improve society as well. For Thoreau the foundation of reform was the at-

tempted perfection of the individual, but ultimately the goal was the perfection of society.

America won't stop mythologizing figures such as Thoreau. In his roles as an individualist, a naturalist, a model of the simple life and a political protester, he serves admirably as a symbol of Americans' regrets and hopes about their own aspirations and about their relation to nature and to their own society. Yet it is also important to acknowledge him as a complex human being whose essential optimism was won and maintained only through intense inner conflict. Society's sustaining myths are made from the very real struggles of individuals such as Thoreau.

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**THOREAU'S HUT** was often the scene of lively visits from people like Bronson Alcott and his family. Daughter Louisa May Alcott, the author of *Little Women*, created this sketch.



## Winter Review

## SPORTS

It was one of the most productive winter sports seasons in Wartburg intercollegiate athletic history. The men's basketball team won its 16th Iowa Conference championship, finished with a 21-8 record and received a bid to play in the NCAA Division III West Regional, where it defeated Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.) but then lost to Nebraska Wesleyan and Pomona-Pitzer (Calif.); the women's basketball team placed second in the IIAC, had a 21-6 record and made its first postseason appearance in the NCAA Central Regional, losing to host Augustana (Ill.) but then defeating Millikin (Ill.); and the wrestling team placed third in the Iowa Conference, had a 10-3 dual meet record and placed seventh in the NCAA Division III national tournament, its highest finish there ever.

## Basketballers, wrestlers enjoy banner year

### Men's Basketball

The IIAC championship was coach Buzz Levick's 12th title in his 24 years at the college and gave him his eighth 20-win season, running his career record at Wartburg to 437-194. At the conclusion of the season, he was named Coach of the Year by his peers in the IIAC.

The 16 championships by a team and 12 by a coach are league records.

The Knights posted a 13-3 IIAC record, which allowed them to unseat defending champion Dubuque by a game and earn the right to make their 18th postseason tournament appearance.

Five individual and team school records were set, all dealing with the three-point goal. They included the most three-point goals by a team in a game, 10 against Dubuque; most three-point goals by the team in a season, 134; most three-point goals in a game by an individual, five by Todd Reinhardt of Waverly against Dubuque; most three-point goals in a season by an individual, 50 by Reinhardt; and most three-point goals by an individual in a career, 84 by Chris Huecksteadt of Bettendorf, Iowa.

The Knights were led in scoring for the third consecutive year by forward Mike Murphy of Fort Dodge, Iowa. He finished the season with 489 points and a 16.9 average. This gives him a career total of 1,409 points, ranking him third on the Knights' all-time scoring list. For his effort, he was named the IIAC's Most Valuable Player and was put on the All

IIAC first team for the third time.

The only other player to average in double figures was sophomore forward Dan Nettleton of Algona, Iowa, who scored 261 points for an even 10.0 average. He was second in rebounding with a 5.4 average.

The top rebounder was senior center Terry Ira of Calmar, Iowa, who pulled down an average of 5.7.

Reserve center Mike Lee of Manly, Iowa, led the Knights in field goal percentage with 63.2 (48 of 76), and Reinhardt was tops at the free throw line with 84.8 percent (56 of 66).

Guard Rich Williamson of Lyle, Minn., who was named to the second All IIAC team, led the Knights in assists with 65, while Murphy had the most steals with 43.

As a team, the Knights outscored their opponents 71.9 to 65.0.

### Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team practically rewrote the school record book as it posted its finest season in history.

The Knights, who finished second in the IIAC with a 13-3 record, set 14 school records and tied a 15th.

The 21 wins posted by first-year coach Monica Severson are the most ever in one season, the previous best being 15 in 1977-78.

Other team records include most field

goals in a game, 44 vs. Elmhurst; best field goal percentage in a game, 63.8 percent (44 of 69) vs. Elmhurst; most free throws in a game by an opponent, 24 by Augustana; most points in a season, 2,019; best scoring average in a season, 74.6; most field goals in a season, 822; most three-point goals in a season, 18; best field goal percentage in a season, 47.5; most free throws in a season, 351; best free throw percentage in a season, 67.5; and most field goals by opponents in a season, 715.

The Knights opened the 1988-89 season with nine straight wins, and that ties a mark for most consecutive wins set in 1977-78.

Two individual records also were set: most blocked shots in a season, 32 by Beth Warner of Whitehall, Wis., and most three-point goals in a season, 14 by guard Kim Sheda of Traer, Iowa.

Balance was a key for the Knights all season with four players averaging in double figures.

Center Kathy Smith of Dubuque, Iowa, who joins the 1,000-point club as a junior and has 1,054 points with a season to go, was the top scorer with 424 points and a 16.3 average despite missing a game because of the flu. Center Lisa Uhlenhopp of Aplington, Iowa, a freshman who sometimes played forward, was second with 392 points and a 14.5 average. She was followed by Sheda, who scored 313 points for a 13.6 aver-



age, and Warner, 299 points and an 11.5 average. The other starting guard, Krismar Anderson of Mason City, Iowa, averaged 8.5 points per game.

Smith was the most accurate from the field, shooting 54.3 percent (177 of 236), while Sheda was the most accurate from the line, 79.1 percent (53 of 67).

Warner, Uhlenhopp and Smith swept the boards for the Knights, averaging 7.0, 6.7 and 6.5 rebounds respectively.

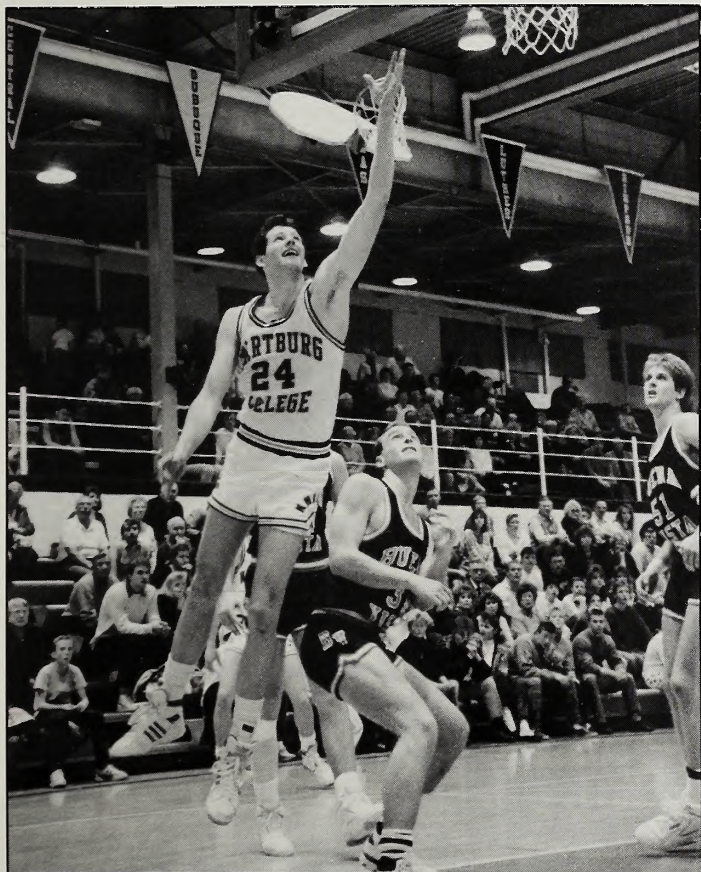
In addition to blocking 32 shots, Warner led with 77 assists and 72 steals.

As a team, the Knights outscored their opponents 74.6 - 64.4, outshot them 47.5 - 43.7 from the floor and 67.5 - 66.9 from the line but outrebounded them by

just four, 1,040 - 1,036.

Two Knights earned All IIAC honors. Uhlenhopp was put on the first team and Warner on the second team.

Warner is the only regular who will be graduating. The other seniors are reserve guard Stephanie Stamper of Independence, Iowa, and reserve forward Iris Vering of Janesville, Iowa.



**1,000-POINT CLUB**—Two Wartburg basketball players joined the college's 1,000-point club this year. They are (l-r) senior forward Mike Murphy of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and junior center Kathy Smith of Dubuque, Iowa.



Murphy ended his career third on the men's all-time scoring list with 1,409 points. Smith, who still has a season remaining, has 1,054. She is just 437 points from overtaking all-time leader Lynn Dose '84.

## Wrestling

The wrestling season was capped by not only the highest finish ever in the NCAA Division III national tournament but also by three All Americans, the most in any one season since 1959, and by the school's first national champion.

Dean Gavin of Indianola, Iowa, who twice before was an NCAA All American, became the Knights' first national champion at 190 pounds when he racked up four straight wins at John Carroll University in Cleveland (see Gavin feature story). He previously had placed eighth as a freshman and seventh last year in

the national tournament. His Division III crown entitled him to compete in the national Division I tournament in Oklahoma City March 16-18.

Gavin also ends his career with his first Iowa Conference championship after losing his first three years to two-time national champion Mike Himes of Upper Iowa and the winningest bout record in Wartburg history, 118-32. He is the first Wartburg grappler to break the century mark in wins. His record this year was 31-2 with 10 falls.

However, Gavin is not the only story in

Wartburg's wrestling year. Jack Denholm of Parkersburg, Iowa, repeated as an All American at 177 pounds, placing fourth, and Jeff Voss of Clarksville, Iowa, won his first All American designation by placing sixth at 167 pounds. Denholm finished the year with a 37-7 record, including 10 falls, and Voss ended 27-14-1 with two falls.

Those three plus freshman Mike Powell of La Porte City, Iowa, at 118 and Jerry Ackerman of Clarksville, Iowa, at 134 were Wartburg's national qualifiers out of the IIAC tournament, in which the

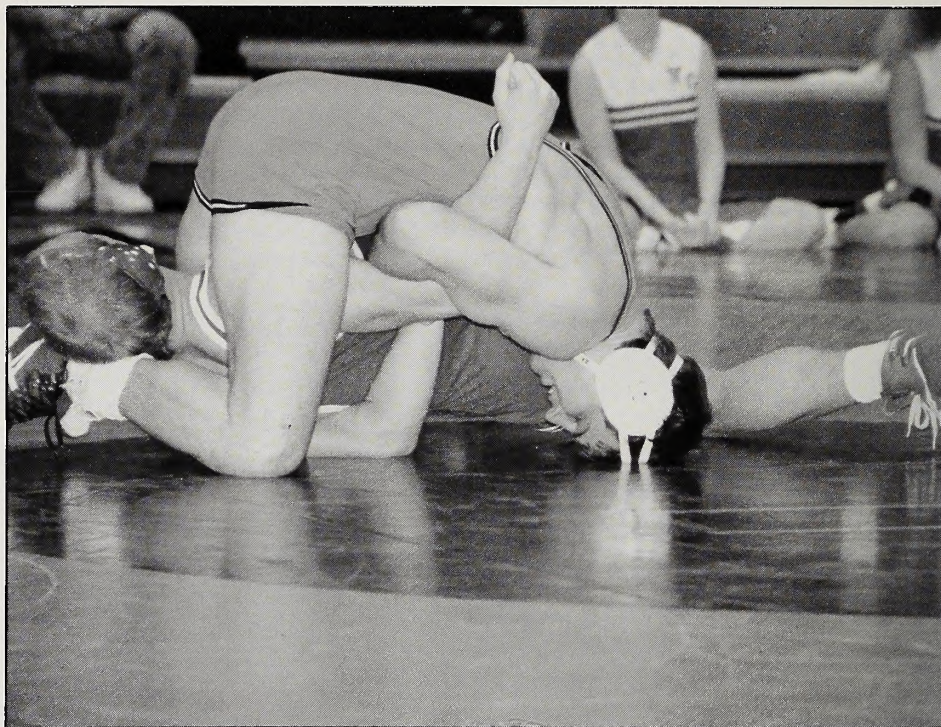


Knights placed third behind Central and Buena Vista. Denholm and Gavin were IIAC champions and Ackerman was a runner-up, which made them automatic qualifiers. Powell and Voss each placed third in the conference tournament, but they were selected as two of the four at-large entries permitted the IIAC by the NCAA.

In addition to their dual meet record, the Knights won the Coe Quadrangular and were second at their own invitational and the All Lutheran Tournament.

At season's end, Wartburg was ranked 10th in the nation in the final Wrestling Coaches Association poll, bettering that by three places in the national tournament. As an indication of the competitiveness of the IIAC, Central placed fifth in the national tournament and the final poll and Buena Vista was ninth in the tournament and sixth in the final poll. (The poll is based only on dual meet results).

Coach Dick Walker will have a rebuilding job on his hands next year as five of the 10 wrestlers in his starting line-up at the end of the season were seniors: Jeff Frost of Raymond, Iowa, at 142, Jeff Hill of Plano, Ill., at 150, Voss, Denholm and Gavin.



**100 CAREER WINS**—Wartburg's 190-pound national champion, Dean Gavin of Indianola, Iowa, wraps up one of his 118 career wins with a pin, one of 26 he recorded in his four years. He is the first Wartburg wrestler to win 100 or more bouts in a career.

# THE CHAMP:

## Luckily, he chose Wartburg



Being in the right place at the right time was instrumental for both Wartburg wrestling coach Dick Walker and the Knights' first wrestling national champion.

Dean Gavin, who earned his third All American designation by winning the NCAA Division III 190-pound national title last March, might never have been in a Wartburg uniform, except for some unique circumstances. And if Gavin had gone to his high school coach's alma mater, he might never have had a shot at the title.

Gavin is from Martinsdale, Iowa, near Simpson College, where three cousins attend, all involved in intercollegiate athletics.

What's more, his high school coach, Joe Smith, was an Upper Iowa standout at 118 pounds, who may have preferred that Gavin go to school there. But the UII coaching situation was in state of flux at the time, so he encouraged his high school star to look at Wartburg.

If Gavin had chosen Upper Iowa, he probably would have spent time behind another Peacock standout, Mike Himes, a two-time national champion, who, so long as he had eligibility, kept Gavin from winning an Iowa Conference championship.

The amazing part is that Walker never saw Gavin wrestle when he was in high school.

"We just took Smith's word for it," Walker said, "so it was a matter of good fortune for us. As soon as Gavin visited campus, we recognized that he was a talented athlete, so then we got right on him in terms of recruiting."

Gavin did bring good credentials out of Martinsdale St. Mary's, winning the West Central Eight Conference title three times and going to the Iowa high school state tournament twice. His best year was his senior year when he went into the tournament with a 27-0 record but then lost in the first round.

He came to a once-proud wrestling program that had won four IIAC titles in five years during the mid-70s but now



was going through some hard times. The Knights were 1-9 in dual meets and had their worst IIAC finish, sixth. In fact, there were times when Walker was unable to field a complete line-up.

Gavin didn't solve the entire problem by himself, but he certainly proved to be the springboard from which the program could rebound, and it did. In each of the last two years the Knights have been 10-3 in dual meets, and they finished this season ranked 10th in the nation by the Wrestling Coaches Association, while placing seventh in the Division III tournament. They were unable to finish higher than third in the IIAC, but there was good reason for that. Central and Buena Vista, two other national powers, make the IIAC an extremely competitive Division III conference in wrestling.

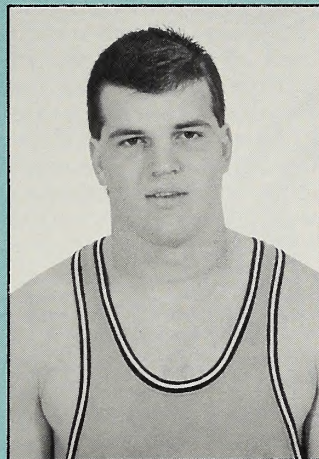
"When Gavin was a freshman," Walker said, "we had Brian Costigan ('86, now an assistant wrestling coach at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa), and he had been an Iowa Conference champion the year before at 177, so we let Dean go to 190, figuring that we would cut him back, but he turned out to be pretty fair at that weight. He had a good freshman year, and I think that opened his eyes. What really helped him was the next summer he worked in J Robinson's Intensive Wrestling Camp on campus here, and he really developed some skills."

At the time, Robinson, who now is head wrestling coach at the University of Minnesota, was an assistant at the University of Iowa and conducted camps for high school youngsters as a scouting and recruiting tool for the Hawkeyes.

Those skills helped Gavin become the first wrestler in Wartburg history to reach the century mark in career bout wins, 118-32 with 26 falls. They also helped him win the IIAC championship this year to go along with his national crown, a Knights Invitational title, two All Lutheran championships, three Wartburg Thanksgiving Open titles and a third place finish in the Midwest Championships, which he attained by defeating wrestlers from North Carolina State and the University of Northern Iowa, all Division I programs. He also placed eighth in the NCAA national tournament as a freshman and seventh last year despite a sprained ankle.

His sophomore year was his biggest disappointment. He was prevented from

## The Road to the Top



**Dean Gavin (W) decisively defeated  
Bart Randolph (Heidelberg) 16-4**

**Gavin decisively defeated  
Ben Weintschal (New York U.) 8-5**

**Gavin decisively defeated  
Rich Redfoot (Washington and Lee) 8-4**

**Gavin decisively defeated  
Mike Fusilli (Ithaca) 3-2**

**Notes: Gavin was the number two seed and Fusilli the number one seed. Gavin gave up no takedowns during the tournament.**

placing in all four national tournaments during his collegiate career by losing to a Central wrestler whom he had defeated on five previous occasions.

"I got a bit more serious this year," Gavin said. "In the past, I would tend to look past people and get defeated by wrestlers who shouldn't have beaten me. This year, I took it one match at a time. Experience also helped, and this season I stayed healthy. Last year, I had a sprained ankle and that bothered me much of the season."

Gavin said as he matured it became

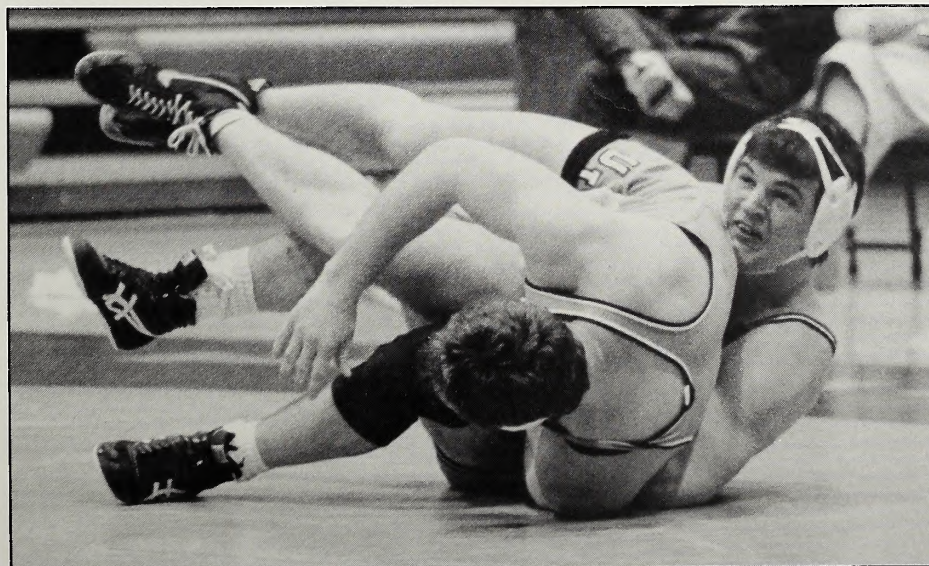
more difficult to maintain his weight.

"I did a lot of extra running this season and then would have one hard workout each day. I grew quite a bit this past year, so I had a hard time making weight all season. I had to cut constantly."

Gavin says the toughest opponent he ever faced was Himes, twice a national champion and once the runner-up.

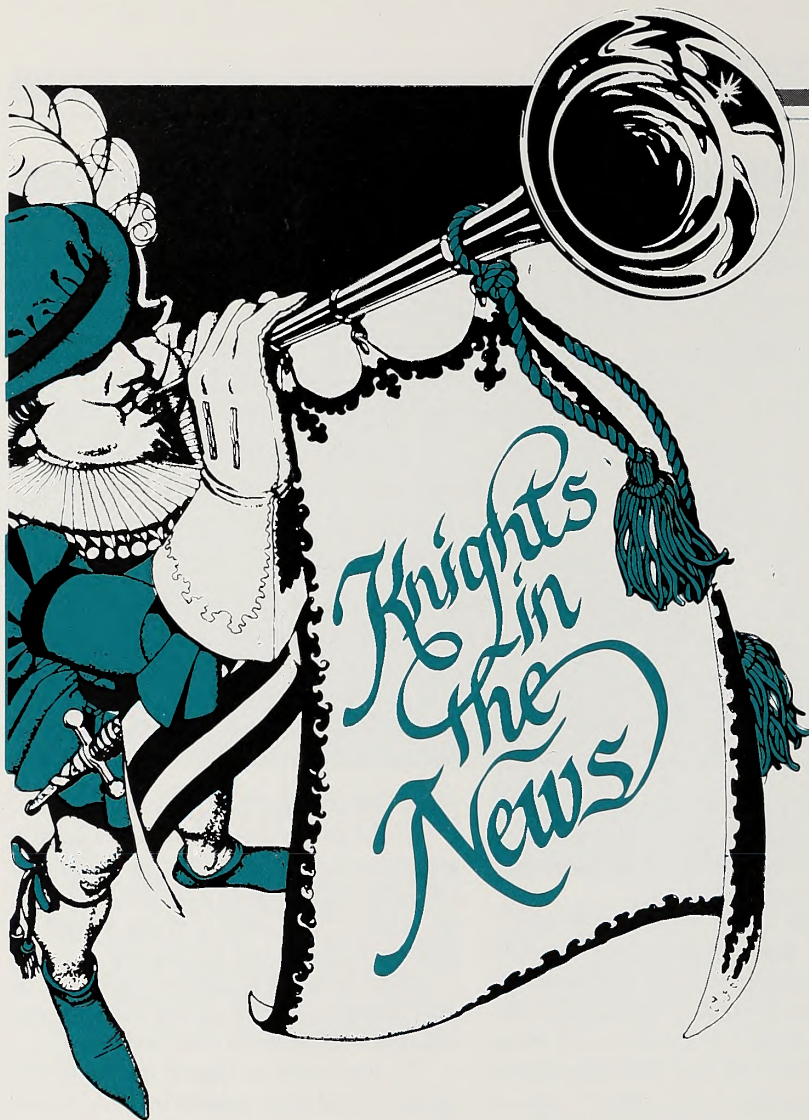
"If I had gone to Upper Iowa, I would spent a lot of time cutting to 177," Gavin jokes.

Wartburg fans are grateful that he could stay at 190 in a Knight uniform.



**WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN**—Dean Gavin watches the clock run out on his Upper Iowa opponent during the meet at Wartburg. Gavin wrestled in high school for Upper Iowa standout Joe Smith and might have gone to the Fayette school, except Joe Smith encouraged him to look also at Wartburg, where he became the Knights' first national champion in any sport.





**41** Donald Schoof, Boone, Iowa, has retired from Iowa State University as director of residence hall maintenance and assistant director of residence.

**52** Nancy Harrington Oostmeyer, Claremont, Calif., is a registered nurse in rehabilitative nursing at Casa Calina Hospital, Pomona, Calif.

**57** Bonita Heard Petersen and Meint Bakker, Cedar Falls, Iowa, were married Feb. 25.

**60** Dr. Ron Beckman, Beatrice, Neb., is assistant to the president of Martin Luther Homes, an agency of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), which provides residential and vocational services to people with developmental disabilities.

Eleanor Bauer Holst and Donald Roquet, Keystone, Iowa, were married June 6, 1987.

The Rev. Norman Litzner, Des Moines, Iowa, is head chaplain for the Windsor Heights Volunteer Fire Department. He is pastor at Windsor Heights Lutheran Church.

**61** The Rev. David Kaiser, Saskatchewan, Canada, is chaplain at Luther College, University of Regina.

**62** Winifred Wandersee, Oneonta, N.Y., is author of *On the Move: American Women in the Seventies*, Twayne Publishers, G.K. Hall & Co., Boston, 1988.

**63** Michael Sherer, Lima, Ohio, is the author of *It's Not Always Easy*, an Augsburg Young Teens Book, published by Augsburg Fortress Publishers. The book contains 10 stories illustrating tough decisions that teenagers must make.

Harold Webster, Bloomington, Minn., is president of Westmoreland, Larson & Webster, Inc., a Duluth-based advertising and communications counseling firm.

**64** Beverly Meyer Bodine, Storm Lake, Iowa, is head tutor at Fountain Center, a drug and alcohol treatment center for adolescents in Storm Lake.

Dr. A. Leon Carley, Roscoe, Ill., is a biology professor at Rockford College. He spent second semester in Ireland doing study and research in aquatic biology.

Dr. Jim Reynolds, Jacksonville, Ala., received the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Honor Award. He is employed in the health, physical education and recreation department at Jacksonville State University.

**65** Julianne Brown, Denver, Colo., received the 1988 award for professional service from the Colorado Educators for/about Business. She also received a 20-year recognition plaque from the students and staff at Arapahoe High School, Littleton, Colo., where she teaches.

Myrna Kluitert and John Culbertson were married Oct. 22. She teaches English at Charles City, Iowa, high school, and he is an attorney and manager of human resources for the White/New Idea Charles City plant.

John Thalacker is warden at the Iowa Men's Reformatory at Anamosa, Iowa. He was deputy superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Treatment Center prior to his appointment. He also served as president of the Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce.

**66** Grace Muir Schultz, Waverly, was awarded the 1988 Community Service Award by the Waverly Municipal Hospital and medical staff for her work in hospice. She is the director of the Bremer-Butler Counties' Hospice program.

**67** The Rev. Leland G. Uden, Rockford, Ill., was named new assistant to the Northern Illinois Synod Bishop of the ELCA.

**68** The Rev. Robert Salge, Waverly, was commissioned Circuit Rider Pastor at the first general convention of The American Association of Lutheran Churches in October. He also serves as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Siegel, rural Waverly.

**69** Gary and Diane Gutzmer Ackerman live in Oklahoma City, where he is general manager at Chemcentral.

The Rev. Lloyd J. Mart, Roseville, Minn., is president of the Twin Cities Nursing Home Chaplain's Association.

**70** Robert (Mike) Anderson, Gurnee, Ill., was named Educator of the Year by the Illinois Vocational Association. He is deputy director of the Lake County Area Vocational Center, Grayslake, Ill.

Dr. Dennis Buchholz, Bismarck, N.D., is executive director at Great Plains Institute of Theology. His Ph.D. dissertation, entitled *Your Eyes Will Be Opened: A Study of the Greek (Ethiopic) Apocalypse of Peter*, has been published by Scholars Press.

Dr. Marilyn Foelske and husband, Wayne Caldwell, live in Rocky Ford, Colo., with children Jennifer, 3½, and Brad, 1½. Wayne was named one of the top 50 U.S. farm managers by *Farm Futures Magazine*.

The Rev. David Kalke, New York City, was in a delegation meeting with Oscar Arias, president of Costa Rica, as part of an International Association Against Torture conference. The association is based in Milan, Italy, and selected CIRCUS, the social action agency



Kalke heads, to be its New York non-governmental organization representative.

**Wayne Stier**, Tokyo, Japan, has written a novel, *Hawaii Blue*, published by Merv Publishing, Hawaii. He is a free-lance writer for Asian in-flight magazines.

**71 Doug Beck**, Wyoming, Minn., is manager of Northern Lights Agency for Franklin Life Insurance Company in Forest Lake, Minn. Northern Lights was cited as the company's top general agency in the U.S.

**72 Arlen Ottmar** and Lois Keller, Iowa City, Iowa, were married July 2, 1988. He is band director at the West Branch, Iowa, high school.

**73 Kim Ziessow Cannon**, Barrington, Ill., received a J.D. degree last June from DePaul University College of Law. She was sworn in as a lawyer last November.

**Dixie Lee Clefish**, Jewell, Kan., teaches vocal music part-time at Randall Middle School.

**Scott and Linda Nolting Terhune**, Brooklyn Center, Minn., announce the birth of Katherine Marie Nov. 9. She joins a brother, Jason, 8. Scott is staff psychologist at Dakota Mental Health Center. Linda is a CPA with Norwest Corporation in Minneapolis.

**74 John and Arlene Vissering Martin**, Flanagan, Ill., announce the birth of Austin David Jan. 30. He joins John Jr., 9, and Allen, 5.

**Joe Rinaldi**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was named Recruiter of the Year by Life Investors Insurance Company of America. The Joe Rinaldi Agency was named top recruiting agency.

**John and Pat Eickmeyer Torgimson**, Manila, Philippines, are working with Southeast Asian refugees at the Philippine Refugee Processing Center with International Catholic Migration Commission. They have two children, Emily, 4, and Neale, 1 month.

**75 Correction:** Doug Fencil, San Juan Capistrano, Calif., works for KUBOTA Tractor Corporation, Compton, Calif.

The Rev. **Paul Fohs** and wife, Margo, are co-pastors of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ringsted, Iowa.

**Jan Longhorn**, Kansas City, Mo., received a master's degree in counseling in July. She is student services coordinator at the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

**76 Robert and Cynthia Pallaora Bammattre**, Anaheim, Calif., announce the birth of Heidi Anna Dec. 9. She joins Stephen, 5, and Richard, 4.

**Richard and Linda Schurbon DeHoet**, Jesup, Iowa, announce the birth of Jenna Lynne June 10, 1988. She joins a brother, Joshua, 8.

**Michael and Diane Luber**, Cedar Park, Tex., announce the birth of Meagan Helene Sept. 28. She joins a brother, Keil, 2.

**Janet Blumeyer Stensrud**, Bettendorf, Iowa, received an M.B.A. degree from St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, and was promoted to assistant lab manager at Illini Hospital, Silvis, Ill.

**John and Elizabeth Tillmanns**, Minneapolis, Minn., announce the birth of Markus John Nov. 14. John is employed by Lutheran Brotherhood.

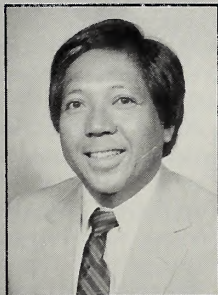
**77 Shelda Hertzke Beener**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, was appointed May 1, 1988, to begin a four-year term on the State of Iowa Transportation Commission. She is an instructor at Hawkeye Institute of Technology in Waterloo, Iowa.

**Sharon Griesert Steege**, Fredericksburg, Iowa, is laboratory manager at St. Joseph's Community Hospital in New Hampton, Iowa. She and husband, Darrell, have two children, Christopher, 8, and Jason, 4.

**John and Ann Bouska Wunder**, Muscatine, Iowa, are parents of Elizabeth Kay, born Oct. 20. She joins a brother, Jonathan, 5. John is an attorney in private practice.

## Kindle the spark

I returned to Wartburg College after a 20-year absence to serve on the Alumni Board. Driving into Waverly, I was filled with anticipation and was eager to see how the college had changed.



I remembered entering Wartburg as a freshman at age 15 in fall 1960 also filled with anticipation—and anxiety. I had been plucked from the tropics and transplanted to the middle of Iowa cornfields.

The educational and cultural shock was almost too much, but with the help of roommates and close friends, I not only survived but learned to love the college and the town.

During the next four years, I hardly left the campus and rarely ventured out of Waverly except to visit my roommate's family for the holidays.

My parents must have had positive feelings about Wartburg, because a

year after I graduated, my brother followed and graduated from Wartburg in 1969. Soon after, my sister followed and married into a family from Shell Rock, Iowa.

What I saw when I arrived on campus 20 years later sent waves of nostalgia and mixed emotions through me. I was glad to be back but really didn't know if I had any business serving on the Alumni Board, especially now that I was living in Memphis, Tenn., far removed from the Midwest.

However, having now served on the board for almost four years, these feelings are no longer mixed. I am again extremely proud to be an alumnus of Wartburg. Most of the alumni in my age group who have not been actively associated with the college either directly or through their children have most probably lost the sense of pride of having graduated from such a fine college.

One of the functions of the Alumni Board is to try to rekindle this feeling of pride that alumni should have in Wartburg. While similar-sized colleges

around the country have succumbed, Wartburg continues to survive. One has only to look at the placement of graduates to know that quality education does take place at Wartburg.

When this sense of pride is rekindled, what follows are the questions: How can I be involved with the college? How may I help in my own way?

Last year, the Alumni Board, with 100 percent participation, set a record for the total amount of gifts to the Annual Fund. This year, a similar attempt is under way for membership in the Heritage Club. I urge each and every alumnus to try and find the spark to rekindle his or her pride in Wartburg, to tell the Wartburg story and, if possible, to participate in making A Decade of Opportunity, the long-range plan adopted by the Board of Regents, a reality.

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**78** Gregory Diercks, Elgin, Ill., is senior educational specialist and conducts training seminars for VAX/VMS computer systems. Last fall, he was featured soloist with the Windy City Lay Chorus.

Ulrich Groth, Rockford, Ill., is principal executive of the *Rockford Journal* and *Buyers Guide*.

Lawrence Mayer, British Columbia, Canada, received his Ph.D. degree in biochemistry from the University of Minnesota. He is scientific director of a new biotechnology company in North Vancouver.

Craig and Luci Zimmerman Phalen, Mendota, Ill., announce the birth of Benjamin Thomas Dec. 31.

**79** Scott and Barb Jones DePenning, Pella, Iowa, announce the birth of Elizabeth Ann Sept. 22. She joins Katelyn Marie, 3½. Barb is part-time teacher's aide in the Pella community school district.

Joel Dexter, Mattoon, Ill., is a scientific photographer for the Illinois State Geological Survey, Champaign, Ill.

Clay and Sandy Hocking Laurie, Silver Springs, Md., announce the birth of Tyler James Jan. 8. He joins Ian, 3.

Kevin and Rebecca Knowles Real, Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Stephani Anne Jan. 12. She joins a sister, Jennifer, 3. Kevin is a systems analyst at Farm Bureau. Becky works in personnel at the *Des Moines Register*.

A.M. Frieda Schowalter, Madison, Wis., is a physical therapist at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics.

Sean Weckesser-Guthrie, infant son of Scott and Dana Weckesser-Guthrie, Baltimore, Md., died Dec. 25 after a premature birth June 2. News of his birth, sent in by another source, was published in the Winter issue of the *Wartburg Magazine*. The magazine apologizes for any pain the announcement caused.

The Rev. Charles Wolff is pastor of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Craig, Iowa.

## Missing alumni

Following is a list of alumni for whom the alumni office has no address. If anyone knows the whereabouts of any of these people, please contact the Alumni Office, Wartburg College, 222 9th St. N.W., Waverly, Iowa 50677-1003 (telephone: 319-352-8491).

SABEL, Matt '84

SAILER, The Rev. Lawrence G. '44

SAILER, Marlys L. Meyer '48

SAITO, Yumi '84

SANDAU, Albin W. Jr. '64

SANDELL, Dawn R. Gifford '69

SCHAUER, Loretta C. '50

SCHLUETER, Roland '42

SCHMELTZER, Kurt '80

SCHMIDT, Laurie J. '82

SCHMIDTHUBER, Michael K. '68

SCHMITT, Donald M. '63

SCHMITZ, Connie D. Power '79

SCHNAIBLE, Elsie Bunge '30

SCHNEIDER, Paula Daugs '19

SCHONEWEIS, Elroy '59

SCHULTZ, Frederick A. Jr. '57

SCHUMACHER, Misti R. Snow '76

SCHWARTZ, John III '81

SCHWEMMER, Karen Nystrom '62

SCOBAY, Mary Tesch '73

SEEDORFF, Bonnie L. '69

SEEGER, Katherine M. '74

SELLS, Arnette M. '86

SENFT, The Rev. George H. '17

SHALKHAUSER, Herbert '21

SHERER, Roger L. '71

SHETTER, David H. '62

SHIEK, Jodeen M. '88

Lucinda Reuther Zesch, Pflugerville, Texas, completed her M.S. degree in school guidance and counseling. She is enrolled in the Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, prior to her internship assignment.

**80** Duane Rizer and Monica Lijewski, Arlington, Va., announce the birth of Sarah Mae Feb. 11. He is assistant vice president and branch manager of Sunrise Federal Savings.

Tim and Sandy Nielsen Schneekloth, Marion, Iowa, announce the birth of Meghan Lee Dec. 12. Sandy teaches sixth grade at Linn-Mar School.

Vicky Eiben Woodley is on a year's leave of absence from Holden Village, Wash. Beginning last summer, she participated in a study tour to Cuernavaca, Mexico, sponsored by the Center for Global Education at Augsburg

College., Minneapolis; was part of an environmental brigade in Nicaragua that worked with sea turtles; and studied Spanish in Antigua, Guatemala.

**81** Damon and Kaye Heitshusen Adair, Perry, Iowa, announce the birth of Quinn Davis Aug. 30. Kaye teaches preschool, and Damon teaches high school English.

Ed and Wendy Slade Haight, Brownsville, Texas, announce the birth of Jessica Danielle Aug. 24. She joins Jenna Ashley, 2. Ed and Wendy teach elementary school in Brownsville.

Tim and Jill Borota Marks, Minneapolis, announce the birth of Benjamin David July 4. Tim is a salesman/estimator with Langford Tool & Drill. Jill is service representative/supervisor with the stock brokerage firm of Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood, Inc.

Mike Monthei, Eagan, Minn., married Nancy Wicktor Oct. 22. Nancy is a computer operator for ADC Telecommunications. Mike is a special imaging technologist at Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park, Minn.

Duane and Karen Smalley Randall, Vinton, Iowa, announce the birth of Brady Joseph April 26, 1988. Duane is director of parks and recreation for the city of Vinton. Karen is an occupational therapist working in private practice.

David and Sherry Kruse Reimnitz, Belton, Mo., announce the birth of Leah Marie Dec. 6. She joins a brother, Luke, 16 months.

Kevin (K.C.) Robb and Cathy Crowe, Mankato, Minn., were married Sept. 17. He is a graduate student and assistant wrestling coach at Mankato State University.

Philip and Cinde Shive, Iowa City, Iowa, announce the birth of Meredith Frances Dec. 15.



## Homecoming 1989 Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 Remembering What Was . . . Celebrating What Is!



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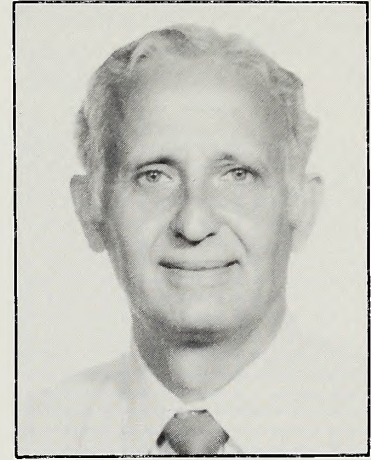
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*Developmental problems are a priority*

## Doctor's efforts mean kids live

(Editor's note: Dr. Stanley Graven '53, past member of the Wartburg Board of Regents, is the recipient of the first award for exemplary service of the National Perinatal Association. The Graven family, beginning with his parents, have been involved with Wartburg for many years, most recently funding an annual program at the college on the ministry of the laity, reported elsewhere in this issue. Graven is chair of the department of community and family health in the College of Public Health at the University of South Florida. The following article appeared in the December 28, 1988 issue of The Tampa Tribune and is reprinted with permission.)



Dr. Stanley Graven

By Kurt Sternlof  
Tribune Staff Writer

Dr. Stanley Graven has made a career of improving the health of pregnant women and their babies, leaving a legacy of reduced infant mortality in every state where he has practiced.

Now that he has been at the University of South Florida's College of Public Health for 4½ years, recognition of his past achievements has finally caught up with him, although the accolades will not interfere with his plans for attacking Florida's pressing perinatal problems.

Graven has received the first award of the National Perinatal Association for exemplary service. Because Graven was the founding force behind the NPA, and its first president, the award has also been named for him.

"Stan Graven is the exact personification of the NPA's mission statement—dedication to providing optimal perinatal care, education and research, and also the reordering of national priorities to achieve these goals," said Dr. John Hartline, recent past president of the NPA and a neonatologist at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Graven came to USF in 1984, where he has been chairman of the department of community and family health since 1986, because he saw in the newly formed College of Public Health a vehicle for opportunity and renewed challenges.

"I came for the opportunity to concentrate my efforts fully on the broad issues of perinatal health care in a state where the problems are far more complex than in any other state I've worked in," Graven said.

Today those issues revolve less around the mortality of at-risk babies than the subsequent physical, intellectual and emotional development of those that survive, Graven said.

During the past 20 years, the newborn mortality rate has dropped in most states to the point where additional improvement can only be achieved through political and social action to make appropriate health care available to all mothers and babies, Graven said.

Florida had a 1987 newborn mortality rate of just more than seven per 1,000 births, slightly below the national average and only two above a "best case" rate of five per 1,000, Graven said.

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"My interest has now turned to the developmental outcome of the babies who used to die but now survive. The rate of serious problems is still way too high, particularly in Florida. Surviving the first months of life is a start but only half of the problem," Graven said.

Eight percent of the babies born in Florida are premature and underweight and, therefore, considered at risk. About 11 percent of them die, and one-third to one-half of the rest end up with severe developmental problems. Nationally, less

than 7 percent of babies are born at risk, with about 10 percent mortality, Graven said.

"We honored Stan exactly because he's the kind of guy who makes things happen and then moves on to greater challenges, rather than resting on the laurels of his past achievements," Hartline said.

Graven is a neonatology specialist but has always concerned himself with both sides of the pregnancy health care issue.

Obstetrics is the branch of medicine that deals with pregnant women, including prenatal care and child birth. Neonatology involves medical care for babies through the critical first six weeks of life. Perinatology encompasses both.

During the mid 1960s, while practicing medicine and doing basic research at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Graven became interested in the reasons behind the state's relatively high newborn fatality rate.

He discovered that two-thirds of the deaths would be preventable with regional accessibility to infant intensive care and proper prenatal education and care.

"Babies were dying needlessly for reasons like air-conditioned delivery rooms being too cold and doctors not knowing how to resuscitate those born with breathing problems."

Graven realized that what was missing was a united effort by all the specialists involved in perinatal care—obstetricians, pediatricians, nurses, public health workers, social workers, nutritionists, etc.—and a regional network of hospitals and transportation dedicated to perinatal care.



In 1968, he formed the Wisconsin Perinatal Program to bring these groups together and established seven regional centers for treatment and education.

Within three years, Wisconsin ranked third best in the nation in newborn fatality rate, up from 28th. The idea also quickly caught on elsewhere in the Midwest—Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota.

From 1976 to 1980, while at the University of South Dakota, Graven directed a program that saw the state's national ranking rise from 43rd to second.

In 1973, Graven organized a meeting with the idea of forming a national association. Under his direction, the NPA was born in 1974 and survived its own neonatal period until he stepped down in 1977, once the organization was well under way.

"The unique thing about Stan was his recognition that perinatal care had to be attacked from all sides. He's simply a visionary—a guy ahead of his time who is interested only in optimizing health care for women and their babies," Hartline said.

Since coming to Florida, Graven has turned his talents to combating the high rate of low birth weight, at-risk babies—many of whom will cost the state money from the cradle to the grave because they never have the chance to develop into competent contributors to society, he said.

"We spend enormous amounts of money on critical care for these babies—an average of \$100,000 each just to get them out of the hospital—not to mention the costs of welfare, prison and psychiatric care as many of them grow up developmentally impaired. And yet we spend next to nothing on prevention," Graven said.

The answer to Florida's problem lies in educating women about how to manage their pregnancies to improve their baby's chance for an even start in life and in making perinatal care readily available to everyone, Graven said.

Graven is overseeing the development of two programs, Healthy Beginnings and Resource Mothers, to begin addressing those needs. Healthy Beginnings is funded by the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, and he hopes the pilot Resource Mothers program will be funded by the state in the next legislative session.

"The way things are now really doesn't make any sense."



## Albums, tapes available

Wartburg Choir albums and tapes for selected years from 1972-87 are available at more than a 60 percent reduction. (See page five of the Winter 1989 issue.) Proceeds will help defray expenses for the choir trip to Carnegie Hall.

This spring's European tour music of the Wartburg Concert Band can be heard on a cassette tape entitled "Sacred and Spirited," offering sacred music and marches. Cost is \$8, which includes mailing.

Write: Wartburg Choir or Concert Band, Wartburg College, 222 9th St. N.W., Waverly, Iowa 50677-1003 or call 319/352-8300. Checks should be made payable to Wartburg Choir Records or Wartburg Concert Band.

**82** Gary Hantsbarger, Des Plaines, Ill., received his M.S. degree in statistics from the University of Illinois. He is statistician in clinical research at G.D. Searle & Co. in Skokie, Ill.

Christine Hendrickson Kittel, Madison, Wis., is a teaching assistant at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, while pursuing her master's degree in German education. She will return to Watertown in August to teach in the high school.

Dave Rueber, Chicago, Ill., works for Lotus Development, 1-2-3 Software.

Jerrilyn Schmidt, Waverly, is a sales representative for Baker Paper Company, Oshkosh, Wis.

Martha Woodruff, Fairview Park, Ohio, received a master of library science degree from Kent State University in August. She is business information specialist for Predicasts, Cleveland, Ohio.

**83** Edmond Bonjour, Stillwater, Okla., is an agriculturist in the entomology department of Oklahoma State University. He received his M.S. degree in entomology from the university last December. His research involved work with the squash bug, and he presented papers on his work in Louisville, Ky., at the Entomological Society of America's student competition for the president's prize; in Dallas, Texas., at a branch meeting of the society; and at Woodland

Park, Colo., at the Rocky Mountain Conference of Entomologists. He presented a poster paper in Vancouver, British Columbia, at the International Congress of Entomology. He has co-authored papers in the *Journal of Economic Entomology* and *Environmental Entomology*.

Ariam and Christine Narog DeLeon, Fridley, Minn., announce the birth of Reuben Scott Dec. 31. He joins Anna Christina, 15 months.

Tracy Lauer and William Oliver, Fort Collins, Colo., were married Sept. 17. He works at Hewlett Packard, and she is a physical therapist at Poudre Valley Hospital.

Correction: Ken and Helen Mersereau were mistakenly identified as living in Duluth, Minn. They live in Duluth, Ga. We regret the error.

Pedro and Julie Ellefson Valencia, Minneapolis, Minn., announce the birth of Sophia Rae last November.

Mike Ward, Columbia, Mo., is assistant football coach at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

**84** Patty Fisher and Jim Bazan, Hilliard, Ohio, were married Nov. 28, 1987. Patty has completed her master's degree in physical education from the University of Northern Iowa. She is teaching elementary physical education in the Columbus public school system.

Les and Pat Meads Hanson, Machesney Park, Ill., announce the birth of Laura Nicole June 24, 1988. Les is systems analyst for Woodward Governor Co. Pat also works at Woodward in the accounting department.

Gregory D. Jans married Lydia R. Scharnitzke Aug. 6 in Buffalo, Minn. Greg completed his master of divinity degree at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., in July and is now working toward a master of sacred theology degree. Lydia is the deaconess at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Mo.

Brenda Marty and Rick Hall, Waverly, were married in August. She teaches vocal music in Greene, and he finished an accounting degree in May.

Brenda Musehl, Pacific Grove, Calif., has completed requirements for a master's degree in Hispanic studies from Monterey Institute of International Studies and is currently preparing her thesis. She also is working at the Sheraton Hotel in Monterey, Calif.

Tim and Maria Walljasper, Highland Village, Texas, announce the birth of Matthew Joseph Feb. 1.

**85** Gary Walljasper and Cheri Nelson, West Des Moines, Iowa, were married April 29, 1988. He is benefits specialist with Pioneer International.

Lynn Wittenberg, Oak Park, Ill., is a Specialist Fourth Class in the Iowa Army National Guard in Boone, Iowa. He is a mechanic in the motor pool.



**86** Joy Bowden Newcom is staff associate for communications for the League of Iowa Municipalities in Des Moines, Iowa.

Steven and Nikki Pothast, Minnetonka, Minn., announce the birth of Skyler Nichole June 25, 1988.

Trish Schiers, Phoenix, Ariz., received a master of science degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling. She is a vocational rehabilitation specialist for IntraCorp agency.

Kristi Secrist and Steve Mally, Phoenix, Ariz., were married July 23. Kristi is an exercise physiologist at Pharmaceutical Card Systems Inc. and Paradise Valley Community College.

Lynn Brandsma Siebring, Muscatine, Iowa, received a master's degree in human services counseling from Illinois State University in December. She is a counselor/music therapist at Muscatine General Hospital. Her husband, Brent, is an accountant for HON Company.

Tammy Thoms and John Bialek, Hanover Park, Ill., were married Feb. 11.



## Wartburg welcomes Oppie Bus

By Elaine Main

Alumni from the past decade cherish memories, mostly fond memories, of rides on the Oppie Bus. That college vehicle toted students across blizzard-blown plains and beyond state boundaries to athletic events, musical performances, field trips and retreats.

Now, *Oppie Bus the Third* continues that tradition in sleeker style—seats that recline to pamper tired riding muscles and luggage space with room for blow driers.

Today's students hear the yarns about those two previous Oppie Buses. They know that a Muscatine, Iowa, basketball coach had so customized the bus that became *Oppie Bus the Second* that Iowa wouldn't license it as a school bus and hence it was offered to Wartburg. Its blue and white colors were quickly painted over by Wartburg's Booster Club to orange and black.

Many alumni tell their own Oppie Bus tales—the time the baseball team cruised in high gear through Corpus Christi, Texas, when the lower gears went out; the time the basketball team circled Traer, Iowa, to figure out how to unload without backing up because the bus wouldn't reverse; the time the choir had

to stop on top of the slopes of Peoria, Ill., so the bus could coast back into action; the time the bus hydroplaned through flooded Fort Worth, Texas.

"Oppie Buses have always done everything we've asked them to do," retorts the man they are named for, Earnest Oppermann '38, assistant professor emeritus of physical education and long-time baseball and golf coach.

The buses always performed best under his tutelage, because he scratched them where they itched and changed their tired parts before problems become major. Oppermann and eight other Wartburg personnel formed a corporation in 1979 to buy *Oppie Bus the First*, so it was natural that he was asked to pick up new *Oppie Bus the Third* from Georgia last November. Typically, that trip was not without incident—a leaking fuel filter in Chattanooga, Tenn., a cloud of black smoke caused by an open oil plug at Monteagle, Tenn., and a leak in the air brake system, again near Peoria.

But after a few shakedown trips—and a few more indignities—the kinks are straightening out. *Oppie Bus the Third* is ready to cruise.

## DEATHS

**20** Nina Baumgartner Fritschel, Waverly, died Dec. 12. She is survived by a daughter, Kay Gerard '58, four grandchildren and one brother. Funeral services were in Waverly with burial in Strawberry Point, Iowa.

**32** Ruth Andreae Zwanziger died Feb. 3 in Elkader, Iowa. Survivors include her husband, Ray '32, and daughters Andrea Roys '61 and Mary Ann Hopp '64.

**49** Robert J. Muller, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, died Nov. 28. He was a retired superintendent of the Sergeant Bluff-Luton School district.

**50** Walter Rath, Burlington, Colo., died Nov. 16. He is survived by his wife, Betty Blehm Rath '49, five children and five grandchildren.

**54** The Rev. John P. Dexter, New Windsor, Ill., died Dec. 9. Burial was in Danforth, Ill.

**58** Ron Havemann, Oakland, Calif., died Jan. 11. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and three children. He was athletic director and dean of physical education at Merritt College, Oakland.

**71** Betty Hiatt Thompson died in Tripoli, Iowa, Sept. 22, 1987.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## May

- 6 — **May Term Outfly; Bijou Players,** Wartburg Community Symphony Benefit, Neumann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 — **Registration Day, New Students,** 8 a.m.
- 15 — **Meeting, Board of Regents, Old Main**
- 19 — **May Term classes end**
- 19-21 — **Commencement Weekend** (see detailed schedule)
- 30 — **Summer Term, Session I,** classes begin

**87** Ramlan Abdullah and his wife, Azariah, have moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., where he is a master's degree student at Pratt Institute.

**Jim and Lori Greenley Draude,** Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Austin Logan Jan. 4.

**Pam Hartquist,** Des Moines, Iowa, was married Nov. 26 to Jeff Borup. Both are Medicare auditors at Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

**Debra Sue Hite,** Reinbeck, Iowa, is a computer/proof machine operator at Lincoln Savings Bank in Reinbeck.

**Craig Koeckeritz,** Des Moines, Iowa, is a sales representative for American Health Care Advisory Association.

**Lori Craig Martin** is employed by the Department of Social and Rehabilitative Ser-

## June

- 2-4 — **Conference, All African Students**
- 4-9 — **Camp, Girls Basketball**
- 10 — **Registration Day, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
- 11-20 — **Camp, J. Robinson Wrestling**
- 23-24 — **Conference, Women of the ELCA**
- 24 — **Conference, Lutheran Men in Mission**
- 25-30 — **Camp, Boys Basketball**
- 28 — **Bicycle Ride, TOGIR VIII**

vices in Topeka, Kan. She is pursuing a master's degree in curriculum and instruction at the University of Kansas.

**Alan Sexter,** Wausau, Wis., was promoted from actuarial trainee to actuarial assistant for Wausau Insurance Companies.

**88** Trisha Comer and Ron Wooten, College Station, Texas, were married Nov. 26 in Coralville, Iowa. She is executive director of Brazos County Girls Club. He is a senior at Texas A & M University.

**Judy Drouillard and Kurt Boerm,** Ames, Iowa, were married Aug. 6 in Dubuque, Iowa. She is research technician in the microbial genetics division of Pioneer Hi-Bred in Johnston, Iowa, and he attends Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine in Ames.

## July

- 7 — **Summer Term, Session I, classes end**
- 9-14 — **Camp, Boys Basketball**
- 16 — **Summer Term, Session II,** classes begin
- 13-15 — **Conference, Mid-American Baptist Women**
- 16-22 — **Conference, Youth Leadership**
- 21-22 — **Conference, Reformed Church**
- 23-28 — **Camp, Boys Basketball**
- 28-30 — **Conference, Church of the Brethren**
- 30-Aug. 4 — **Camp, Boys Basketball**

**Alan Duminy** is a volunteer with Lutheran Volunteer Corps, providing food and counseling to hungry people near the White House in Washington D.C.

**Mary Kallestad** is a volunteer with Lutheran Volunteer Corps, working with homeless women and children in Wilmington, Del.

**Sharon Rasmussen** is a volunteer with Lutheran Volunteer Corps, providing food and counseling to low-income families in Wilmington, Del.

**Deb Schweinefus,** Davenport, Iowa, is a social worker with the Scott County Department of Human Services.



**CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY**—Because of mild weather, Prairie Construction of Waterloo, Iowa, got a head start on the north wing of The Residence, the college's newest residence hall. It will provide space for an additional 50 students.

## Graduation weekend schedule

Friday, May 19: Heritage Club Luncheon (by invitation)

Saturday, May 20: Fifty Year Club Luncheon, Class of '39 honored guests; Concert, Wartburg Concert Band and Wartburg Choir, Neumann Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 21: Baccalaureate, Neumann Auditorium, 10 a.m.; Commencement, Campus Mall, 1:30 p.m.



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## ***Wartburg Landmark***

The fountain on the college's esplanade is captured in one of its dry periods by Gregory Drewes '89. Drewes' photo was one of 36 entries in the 1989 Library Art Contest, an annual competition open to all faculty, students and staff who are not art professionals. The competition accepts paintings, photographs, sculptures, textiles and other art forms suitable for exhibit in the Engelbrecht Library.